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Prison staff called in as children go on the rampage



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BY RICHARD FORD AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

Don't hide in the closet, says Raymond Snoddy, reveal all

BRITAIN'S first child jail is undergoing a sweeping overhaul after months of turmoil during which young offenders wrecked classrooins, their rooms and kitchens.

More than £100,000 has been spent replacing and repairing facilities at the purpose-built Medway Secure Training Centre at Rochester in Kent, an investigation by The Times has discovered.

Group 4, whose subsidiary Re-bound runs the unit, has drafted in an eight-strong team of prison officers and other staff to reassert discipline and support intimidated staff. The scale of the problems facing enl young offenders aged 12 to t4 at a cost of £2,400 a week each, has emerged after the departure of 35 of the 100 staff - including the head of education and head of care. There have been 97 assaults on staff, 27 of

whom needed medical treatment. The specially toughened bedroom windows have been replaced after the children smashed them with their fists and feet. Wooden doors reinforced with steel are being replaced after the wood was hacked away. CCTV cameras have been destroyed and all bedroom door locks replaced.

Children spend nearly 24 hours a day indoors because as soon as they are let out they run towards the

mesh security fences. Two have already managed to escape and one almost reached the M2 on foot. Razor wire has been considered for the top of the perimeter fence but there are fears that even this drastic step would not deter such determined

children from attempting to escape. Classes sizes have been cut from five to two because the larger groups were uncontrollable, and children have been given designer clothing and access to computer games to keep the peace.

Mike Taylor, a former supervisor, said that Medway looked "like Beirut: kitchen cupboard doors ripped off, the plastic around the closed circuit television wrecked, the fridge door ripped off, bare wires where

they had torn light switches from the wall and the intercom system from their sockets".

Another former supervisor said: The children bite and kick and spit and headbutt you. We were like lambs to the slaughter. We were told to speak to them nicely. These are

heavy-duty juvenile offenders". Last night MPs and penal reform groups demanded that Jack Straw review the operation of the centre and the policy of putting 12-14 year-olds in child jails, designed to Home

Office specifications. Fran Russell, assistant director of the Howard League for Penal Reform, said: "We believe the whole coocept is flawed because you are

placing the most difficult children in

an institution which is too big. They are being locked up and that just causes them to kick, and kick hard".

In spite of the difficulties that have engulfed Medway, the Government has ordered a rapid expansion of secure training centres. Rebound has already won a contract for one of two new centres opening next May. The Home Office wants future units to house up to 60 young crimi-

nals each. Rebound is already including the lessons learned at Medway into the design and construction of its next centre in Northamptonshire. The third will be run by Premier Prisons

at Medomsley in Co Durham. Rebound admits that it has faced enormous difficulties and been takiour of the children, many of whom cannot sit soll or concentrate for five

minutes. An extra tier of managers is being drafted in, a psychologist has been employed full-time and additional psychiatric support for the children

is planned. A source said: "We have learnt a lot since opening in April. I do not think we should be criticised for learning, and learning very quickly and tackling things that weni wrong. Of course, we concede we would have done things differently but we are dealing with the most dis-ruptive children in the country".

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Revolt by Lords on party lists poll

By James Landale, Political correspondent

THE House of Lords was last night locked in a battle of wills with the Government after peers threw out for a third time an attempt to restrict voter choice in next year's Europe-

an elections. Ministers accused peers of illegitimately challenging the constitutional superiority of the Commons and said the Bill introducing proportional representation might have to be dropped. But peers voted by 237 to 194 to give voters the right to back individual candidates in next summer's poll.

The Government insists on a so-called "closed list" system. in which voters would determine how many seats a party wins but the parties them-selves would decide which individuals become MEPs. The three main parties have already selected most of their candidates and placed them

on pre-ordered lists. Labour insisted the defeat was fresh evidence of why hereditary peers needed to be abolished. It said that without

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the hereditary peers' vote, the Government would have won

by 157 life peers to 99. The Tories claimed that a cross-party alliance was growing against closed lists, which was privately supported by many Labour peers and MPs.

Two previous attempts by the Lords to reinsert so-called "open lists" into the European Parliamentary Elections Bill have been overturned by the Commons. But the Government's attempt to compromise, by promising a review of the electoral system after the poll, failed to win over peers.

If agreement is not reached by the end of next week, when the parliamentary session formally ends, the Bill would die. This could throw the elections into chaos.

Even if the Government reintroduced the same Bill later this month and used the Parliament Act to push it through without the Lords' consent, the legislation might still not be

ready for the June poll.

Ministers will spend the weekend seeking a new, differently-worded amendment, to put before the Commons on Monday, and the Lords on Tuesday. Last night a govern-ment source insisted there would be no compromise on the closed-list system.

But one possible option being considered is a mixed voting system which would allow voters to back either a party or an individual candidate. Lord Mackay of Ardbreck-

nish, the Tory constitutional spokesman, said: "I don't see why the country should be saddled by a system designed to suit the internal machinery of the governing party."



A Jerusalem father helps his daughter try on a gas mask at one of the distribution centres opened in Israel as fears of an Iraqi retaliatory attack grew

Britons urged to leave Iraq as force looks 'inevitable'

By Michael Evans, Michael Binyon and Jill Sherman

ALL Britons were given a warning yesterday to leave Iraq and news organisations were told not to send journalists to the country as largescale military attacks ap-peared inevitable.

At the same time, the Government issued a dossier to every MP outlining lraq's secret weapons hoard and describing the potential threat from Iraq "if these pro-grammes are left unchecked".

in tsrael, from where hundreds of British holidaymakers were being brought home by tour companies, the Israeli Army's Home Front Command opened 66 centres to distribute new and replacement gas masks and anti-chemical warfare kits to Israeli citizens.

At Cabinet yesterday, the Prime Minister and George Robertson, Defence Secretary. briefed ministerial colleagues on the latest developments in the confrontation with President Saddam Hussein over

weapons inspections. Tony Blair said "the next step is action" unless the Iraqi Pres-

ident agreed to co-operate. Mr Robertson told the Cabinet there was evidence Sadd-am had "weaponised" nerve agents and that deadly warheads could be produced. After the meeting, he spoke of the "sad inevitability" of force being used if the Iraqi leader did not back down soon.

The dossier to MPs, accompanied by a letter signed on behalf of Derek Fatchett, the Foreign Office Minister, and Doug Henderson, the Armed Forces Minister, stated that Saddam's weapons of mass destruction were a symbol of his power and prestige in the region and that he would rebuild his weapons pro-

gramme unless stopped. It reminded the MPs that until 1995, the Iraqi leader had denied having an offensive biological weapons programme, adding: "The quantities of biological growth media that are unaccounted for are enough to produce more than three times the total amount of anthrax Iraq admits to producing."

Unless stopped, the dossier said, Saddam would be capable of regenerating a chemical weapons capability within months, and a biological weap-ons capability "within weeks". It continued: "A single Scud missile armed with a VX

(nerve gas) warhead could cause thousands of casualties if it hit a crowded city."

As a further sign of the increasing likelihood of a military strike by American and British forces, the Government urged Britons in Iraq to leave immediately, specifically naming journalists. Neither in 1991 before the Gulf war nor during the last flare-up - in February - were journalists

singled out. The Foreign Office said the decision was at the request of Iraqis would not guarantee their safety. In another signal of imminent airstrikes, the Foreign Office announced that Robin Cook would cancel a proposed Middle East visit next week if he thought it pointless. He plans to go to Egypt and Saudi Arabia to try to persuade them to put pressure on Saddam — but only if it was felt that they could change Saddam's mind. Officials in-

sisted there was no intention

to seek basing rights.

However, at the Cabinet meeting, Mr Blair said there had been a change in the Arab world since Kofi Annan. UN Secretary-General, fixed a last-minute deal with Saddam in Iraq earlier this year to avert US force — because of progress on Israeli-Palestinian peace talks and a realisation that Saddam was becoming more unpredictable".

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Irish eyes frown on British wedding guests Now tourism chiefs have discovered ture and disturb the other guests. Lau-nat the parties are putting off other vis-ra Magahy, managing director of the sands of Britons who every weekend go BY AUDREY MAGEE

IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH men and women were barred yesterday from holding their pre-nuprial revelleries in Dublin's trendy Temple Bar.

Thirty-four hotels and pubs in the centre of the Irish capital banned the rowdy stag and hen parties after a report revealed that their behaviour turns hundreds of other tourists off

Dublin, costing businesses about £57 million a year.

The ban will be a blow to the thou-

to Dublinweekend. The wedding parties, often dressed as priests, nuns or sexy nurses, start drinking in the morning, moving from pub to pub and becoming more raucous as the weekend wears on. Future brides and grooms are regularly stripped and tied to lamp-posts while their friends often

pick fights with passers-by.

To the revellers, it is all good fun. But their behaviour, repeated every weekend, appais Dubliners who stay away from Temple Bar on Friday and Satur-

that the parties are putting off other visitors. A survey published yesterday found that 13 per cent of overseas visitors said the stag and hen weekends would discourage them from visiting Dublin - representing a £57 million loss in income each year.

The pubs and hotels have decided that the stag and hen parties are not worth the loss in custom, since they buy nothing but alcohol and spend little on accommodation. Three quarters of Dublin's hotels already refuse them rooms as they break bedroom furni-

company overseeing Temple Bar development, said: "We do not want to be discourteous to our British neighours whom we welcome to the area but we are sick of seeing people running riot, taking their clothes off and chaining themselves to lamp-posts.

Martin Keane, owner of Oliver St John Gogarty pub in Temple Bar, is one of the bars banning the British revellers. "We have invested heavily in our premises and we want to ensure that the area will remain attractive."

Lib-Dem who can make up his mind proves a noble exception

had entered the Lords Chamber some time before the debate began, but already it was standing-room only. Peers littered the aisles and lounged against the railings. Some sat on the steps to the Throne, like travellers at a railway station. One (Lord Sewel) actually lay back on the Woolsack. Several sat in the gangways, one elderly baron getting down on to the floor with such difficulty that. when a seat was finally vacatget up again. The Noble Ex-

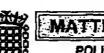
Everybody was there - from the functional part of our Constitution, like the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the ceremo-nial part, like Melvyn Bragg. The dangerous part was there too, represented by Lord Teb-

Inexplicably, Lord Donou-ghue, the late Harold Wil-son's Head of Policy Unit. wore one black shoe and one white. Lord Williams of Mostyn, the fluent and civilised minister whose cross it is to bear the European Parliamentary Elections Bill, stared

crossly into space: Baron Fed-

The Noble Exception needed a seat. Just in time for the start of the debate on closed lists, a seat was found on the Liberal Democrat benches.
The Noble Exception sat
down, looking tense. Lord
Mackay of Ardbrecknish, a Conservative former-MP with a gracefully posh-Scots ac-cent, opened the batting for their Lordships' mutinous

amendment. He spoke with elegance and humour — and a light touch: for his task was to lure shy



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and undomesticated Crossbenchers - creatures whom nobody owns, the ferae naturae of the Upper Forest - out of their wild wood and into into an Opposition honey-trap. Down with the Milbank Tendency"! The choice before peers was between "the people's choice and the party choice!" declared Lord Mackay, as scores of crusty old Tory barons behind him thrilled to their new-found reverence for the popular will, memories of the Smith Square Tendency convenient-

ly slipping their minds.

Mackay coined a new phrase. Alongside new Labour he now discerned "new" Liberal Democrats; for Paddy Ashdown's ermined cavalry. groaning under a post-pact three-line whip, were grind-ing teeth and voting with the Government. Or, rather, most of them were. But. said Mackay, with "a few noble ex-

The Noble Exception sat impassive, tense. After Mackay. Lord Shore of Stepney spoke well, excoriating the closed list suddenly shouting words, as my Grandpa used to. Then be sat down, to an approving general moo. Glancing nerv-ously at a note the Noble Ex-

ception rose. The Earl Russell had guessed that to rebel against his Party's docility would cost him his front bench job as Social Security Spokesman, but he could not stomach the closed list. How should he vote? "I have never changed my mind so many times," said the Noble Exception. "I

changed it five times yester-day," he went on, before deciding finally to vote against.
"I had settled upon abstain-

ing by lunch yesterday." he added — and for a moment we feared his Lordship might take us through each swing of the intellectual see-saw, wobby wobble, like one of

those Sunday Times "anatomy of a crisis" diaries: 7.00am: Lord Rusself breakfasts on Weetabix and toast, discussing vote with wife Elizabeth.
7.23: decides to buckle under. 8:15: telephones a friend and changes mind: post arrives ...

But he spared us the chro-nology, in a short speech as drily undramatic as it was brave, he led us within min-utes to his conclusion. He was to make trouble. He did. He was sacked from one of his jobs. Then he was un-sacked. Somebody else can't make up their mind.

LVF arms move puts pressure on Sinn Fein

By Martin Fletcher, Chief treland correspondent

THE Government opened the way yesterday for the first decommissioning of paramilitary weapons in Northern freland by formally recognising the six-month ceasefure of the

Loyalist Volunteer Force. The announcement by Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, raised hopes of a breakthrough in the deadlock over 1RA disarmament that is preventing implementation of the Good Friday peace

The LVF has promised to decommission a "small but very real amount" of weaponry in front of the television cameras within two weeks of the Government recognising its ceasefire and making its two dozen prisoners eligible for early release. That will put intense pressure on the IRA to follow suit, enabling David Trimble finally to admit Sinn Fein to Northern Ireland's Govern-

However Sinn Fein's immediate reaction to Dr Mowlam's announcement last night was negative. It denied LVF disarmament would put pressure on the IRA and said the LVF ceasefire had to be treated with "a buge dose of scepticism". Mitchel McLaughlin, Sinn Fein's chairman, said the Red Hand

Defenders, a new Loyalist group that killed a Catholic in Belfast two weeks ago, was a "flag of convenience" for the Kenny McClinton, the ter-

rorist-turned-pastor who speaks for the LVF, confirmed that LVF disarmament would begin "within a couple of weeks" and is to meet John de Chastelain, head of the inter-national disarmament body. today. He challenged the fRA to match the LVF's disarmament on a one-to-ten ratio, "If you are looking at the thing from a totally honorable position, then the IRA have got to

Mr McCliaton has said that all arrangements for the ini-tial decommissioning of LVF weaponry have been agreed with General de Chastelain, LVF members delivering the arms would have immunity. Mr McClinton would stay with the weapons until they were put into a metal shredder, probably in Belfast, to ensure there was no forensic testing. The first batch is likely to consist of a couple of AK-47 as-

sault rifles and other firearms. David Trimble, the First Minister who had been pressing for yesterday's announcement, said he hoped this "positive step will lead to the start of decommissioning. It's now incumbent on everyone to exert what influence they have on the other paramilitary organisations to make a start."

Andrew Mackay, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, said he backed the announcement. This should set an example to other paramili-tary groups who have been dragging their feet." Dr Mowlam said her deci-

sion was taken on the advice of her security advisers and was not politically motivated. She was satisfied the LVF had established "a complete and unequivocal ceasefire".



DIANA, Countess of Lindsay, holds her five-year-old son David at the British Red Cross Care in Crisis awards. where she received an award for saving the life of her son, who was lying unconsious in

The people of Omagh - the Northern Ireland town ripped apart by a bomb earlier this year - were presented with a special community award. Representatives from the local Omagh hospital and council were today presented

Countess honoured for rescue

with awards at a ceremony in London. Awards were also presented to 16 winners from all over the United Kingdom for individual acts of bravery and care. John McKinney, chief exec-

utive of Omagh District Counoil. Glynis Henry, senior nurse at Tyrone County Hos-pital and David Bolton, Director of Health and Personal Social Services Trust in Omagh collected the accolade on behalf of the town. The blast on August 15 killed 20 people and injured more than 200 others. The Real IRA said it carried

out the attack. Celebrities Helen Mirren, Nerys Hughes, Claire Rayner, John Stapleton and Angela Rippon presented the awards.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Doctor charged with two more murders

A doctor in Greater Manchester appeared before magis-trates charged with murdering two more of his elderly fe-male patients. Earlier yesterday police had exhumed a ninth body. Harold Shipman. 52, who runs a one-man practice in Hyde. Tameside, has been charged with killing lvy Lomas. 63, and Marie Quinn, 67, in addition to four other murder charges. His appearance before Tameside magistrates came hours after detectives exhumed the body of Jean Lilley. 58. from Hyde cemetery. He was due to appear at court in seven days to be remanded but Dr Shipman was excused having to attend. A committal hearing was fixed for January 7.

Dr Shipman, of Roe Cross Green, Mottram, is alleged to have killed Mrs Lomas on May 29 last year and Mrs Quinn on November 24. He spoke only briefly to confirm his name and address during the five-minute hearing. His wife Primrose, 51, sat at the back of the court.

Pinochet verdict delayed

The House of Lords has reserved judgment on whether General Pinochet enjoys, as a former head of state, immunity against charges of genocide, lerrorism and torture. A panel of five senior law lords said that they would deliver their opinion "in due course" on the appeal by the Crown Prosecu-tion Service on behalf of Spain against a High Court ruling that the former Chilean dictator's arrest was unlawful. The judgment is expected next week.

Fight to keep jail baby

A prisoner who gave birth under guard has launched a legal bid to stop her new-born baby being taken away from her in a test case over a mother's right to keep her child in jail. She is trying to block a decision to refuse ber a place in the mother and baby unit at Holloway prison, North London. Miss E. 24, who may not be identified for legal reasons, is serving five years for wounding with intent after slashing the face of Po

Davies questioned further

Ron Davies, the former Welsh Secretary, has been questioned several more times by Scotland Yard detectives investigating his mugging on an estate in Brixton, South London. Investigators need Mr Davies to fill in gaps in his story that stretch over three or four hours. One man has been charged with robbery and another five people have been questioned before being freed on police bail. Today Mr Davies will face his constituency party to explain the events.

Umbrella coverage

People taking their summer holidays in Britain can now inpart of the cost of any holiday in which it rains on at least half the days. The cover will not cost holidaymakers any extra because it comes as part of a holiday-cancellation package sold through hotels for about £19 for a family. The policies are underwritten by Eagle Star and will cover all parts of the country, not just the drier south.

Severed spinal cord 'glued' together

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS have repaired severed spinal cords by using a new technique to fuse the broken ends together.

The development is so far confined to test-tube experiments with spinal cords from guinea pigs but is intended ulomately to benefit spinal injury victims such as the actor Christopher Reeve, who was paralysed in a riding accident. The researchers say it is the first time the severed spinal

cords of mammals have been

given back their ability to transmit electrical nerve impulses. Spinal cords were removed from guinea pigs, cut, and fused together with polyethyl-

ene glycol, a water-soluble

polymer used in medicines and cosmetics. Tests showed that all the repaired cords were able to conduct an electric current simulating nerve messages. Richard Borgens, professor of developmental anatomy at Purdue University, in West Lalayette. Indiana. said: "This tech-

nique is likely to be useful in

treating recent injuries."

Whitehall considers more pay for good teachers

BY VICTORIA FLETCHER AND JILL SHERMAN

TEACHERS' pay may be part-ly linked to their schools' results under radical proposals being considered by ministers. Whitehall sources said

Schools would be rewarded for reaching government targets, such as for improved exam results, reduced truancy and exclusions, and an increased number of pupils staying on at school after 16.

It is thought that head teachers would be expected to feed the extra money as bonuses into a "modernised" salary structure, to be outlined in a consultation document next month.

Doug McAvoy, leader of the National Union of Teachers. said such a system would not be a fair measure of a teacher's skills. "The measure of quality of a teacher cannot be based on the results of pupils."

However, Peter Smith, general secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers. said: "What's wrong with the country investing in success, given that we ensure that less successful schools are getting the money they need

Whitehall sources last night described reports of the scheme as "speculative" but confirmed that school results could play some part in determining teachers' pay. A tough new system of appraisal is expected to the main method of

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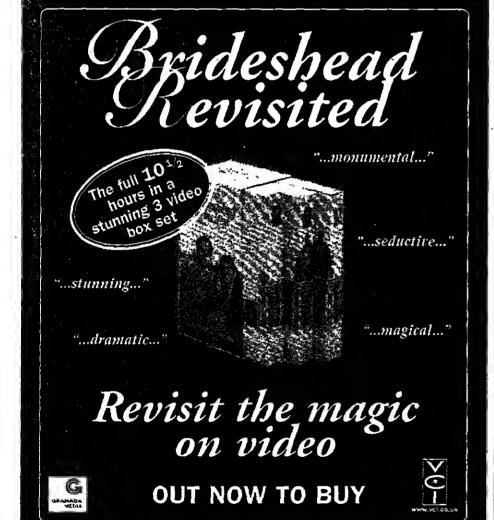


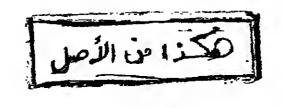
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Slip of a pen

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A WOMAN with one O level who lied to get a top accountancy job was jailed yesterday for defrauding her employers out of almost £90,000 pounds to fund a lavish lifestyle, including buying a Ferrari.
A slip of the pen finally

caught out Ruther Ferraro when one wrong digit in her accounting led to an investigation that exposed massive fraud. Ferraro's brother, Peter McNeil, alias James Lawson. was an informer who was shot dead ten years ago after betraying a Mafia drugs gang.

Helen McGregor, for the prosecution, told Reading Crown Court that Ferraro used 14 cheques to swindle more than £87,919 out of Borland International UK, in Twyford. Berkshire. The unqualified accountant got the job of fi-nance manager by lying exten-sively on her CV. After being recruited, she

left the company on a salary of almost £64,500 for another job with a higher salary. She also defrauded her new bosses of more than £716. The offences were committed between June 1995 and November 1997.

The court was told that Ferraro, from Crondall, Hampshire, had one O level and had acquired her experience as a trainee accountant with the electronics company Racal when she left school at 18. Ferraro, who had been authorised to deal with cheques up to the value of £15,000, carried out the frauds by using manually created cheques paid into her own account and covering up the payments by forging involces. She was caught out by a tiny mistake when her successor queried a difference of £20 on one at-

mixed up two figures, writing 282 instead of 262. Ferraro had earlier admitted obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception relating to her CV and false accounting. She asked for a further nine false accounting charges to be taken into consideration.

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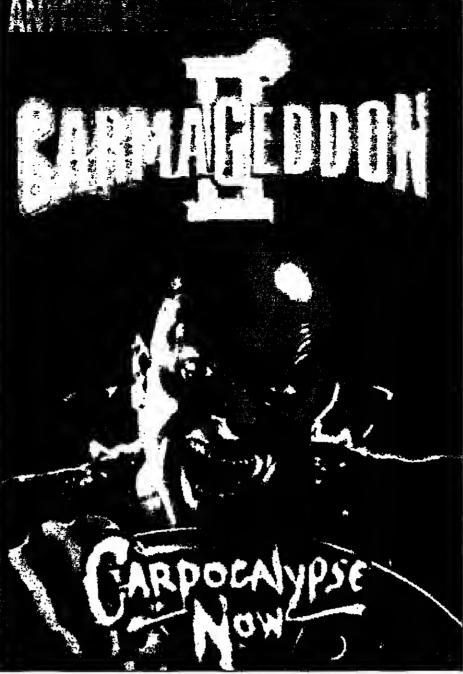
As well as buying cars, McGregor told the court that she used the money to pay off credit including a weekend in Mona-

co costing more than £4,400. Michael Gledhill, defending, said that Ferraro could repay £30,000 immediately and could probably raise another £38,500 by selling her Ferrari.

He said that Ferraro had got into severe financial difficulties despite her relatively large salaries because she had never been able to manage her personal finances: "She knew without that CV she would not get the job with Borland. She had to be seen to be successful in her professional life."

Jailing her for 21/2 years, Judge Stanley Spence said: "You, by way of a deliberate falsification of a CV, obtained for yourself employment at Borland that of itself maybe argued to be not particularly serious because in essence you are a very intelligent lady. Borland got precisely what they wanted, you gave them a good service so your intelligence is in fact a miogating factor and an aggravating factor."

Ferraro was jailed for 12 months for her CV fraud and 30 months for the other charges, to run concurrently. She was also ordered to hand over the £30,000 as compensation. plus the proceeds from the sale



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The player who kills most pedestrians and animals fastest gets most points

Computer game firm tries to zap film censors

By HELEN JOHNSTONE

THE publishers of a controversial computer game have asked the High Court to force British film censors to classify it so that it can be in the shops in time for Christmas.

The British Board of Film Classification has delayed giving a certificate for a trailer for the game, Carmageddon II: Carpocalypse Now, after taking the unprecedented step of consulting child psychologists over its potential effect on consumers.

The game, in which pedestrians and animals can be maimed or killed in an explosion of blood and limbs, is a sequel to the hugely success-ful Carmageddon which has sold 600,000 copies worldwide since its release a year ago. Both games are loosely inspired by the 1975 cult sci-film Deathrace 2000, directed by Roger Corman.

A version of the game, in which zombies with green blood replace people, went on sale earlier this month with a 15 certificate. It has been licensed by the separate European Leisure Software Publishers' Association which wants classification to be taken out of the BBFC's hands.

Lawyers for the publishers of the video game, Sales Curve Interactive, have applied to the court for an order requiring the BBFC to grant an 18 certificate to a fourminute trailer of the "full gore" version. The order

would force the BBFC to reach a decision on the trailer. which has now been with i for more than two months.

A spokesman for the BBFC said the game was still being assessed by child psychologists, in the first referral of its kind by British censors. He added: "The problem with this game is that it awards points for killing people.

The games have been created by Stainless Software. whose director, Neil Barnden. readily admitted it was gory. but added: "Everything is done for comic effect, and nothing is created to be malicious. We are responsible people and just wouldn't create such a game if we felt people were go ing to copy it in real life."



Barnden: said game was

SHOWROOMS NATIONWIDE

'Cock-up' Police look for put paid fifth body in to £7m drug haul

By ADAM FRESCO

THE careers of a gang of drug sthugglers came to an ubrupt end when their lorry contain-ing £7.28 million of heroin bene wedged in the Blackwall Tunnel under the Thames causing traffic chaos.

With the lorry firmly stuck the "cock-up" factor, as the prosecution called it, continued. Two accomplices in a separate car arrived to see what had happened and were intercepted by a Customs surveil-lance vehicle, Southwark Crown Court was told.

At the start everything had gone to plan. The articulated lorry, bought months earlier at auction, was fitted with a false fuel tank. Inside was a secret compartment to hide the 65.84kg consignment Mustafa Karinca is believed to have col-

lected in Turkey. Customs officers at Dover had failed to detect anything wrong when he arrived from Zeebrugge, Belgium, in February this year. However, customs investigators were following his colleagues, the gang leader. Hamid Shamsollahi, 38, a businessman from Iran based in Amsterdam, and Korkut Eris, 40, as they drove to

meet him on the M2. Shamsollahi and Karinca. 50, from Istanbul, Turkey, were convicted on one count of smuggling. They and Turkishborn Eris, a minicab driver from Holloway, North London, who admitted the charge, will be sentenced on Monday. Feretin Eren, 23, a Turkish national living in Edmonton,

North London, was found not guilty after insisting he had had no idea what the others

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fine, even though it was pointed out to him that eve-

were up to.

murder hunt

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

POLICE have been digging up barren moorland on the southern coast of the Isle of Man as part of a murder in-quiry into the deaths of at least four pensioners.

They are wary of revealing exactly what they have been looking for along Mull Hill for the past three days, but it is linked to a search for a youth known as Kevin B.

The investigation began on the mainland on at the end of last month when Eric Board-man, 76, and his wife Joan, 74, were discovered dead at their home in Bispham, Blackpool,

by their daughter. Earlier this month Stephen Akinmurele, 20, appeared before Blackpool magistrates charged with their murders.

The subsequent investigation led to him being charged with killing Jemima Cargill, 75, his former landlady, who died in a house fire in Blackpool on October 2. Mr Akinmurele lived on the

Isle of Man two years ago. On Monday he appeared again before magistrates to be charged with the death of Dorothy Harris, 68, who died in a house fire in Ballasalla on the island in February 1996. Police are cononuing to

question Mr Akinmurele about Mrs Cargill's sudden death. They know that a youth called Kevin, with a surname beginning with B, was also staying there and has since disappeared.
Police have also confirmed

they are re-examining files on fatal fires in the Blackpool area during the past two years. As a result of the growing in-

Bird-lover manages to

duck out of trouble

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

the fine was rescinded by

council officials. But they

gave warning that in future

anyone caught feeding the

birds could face the same

angry letter to Neath Port

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an on-the-spot fine. It was

Chris, of Briton Ferry, Gla-

very unfair."

Chris's mother wrote an

She said: "As a family we

quiry, detectives want to find the owners of a large haul of jewellery which, they say, was found in several locations all linked to Mr Akinmurele.

Officers from the Isle of from a briefing in Blackpool to set up a murder incident room in Douglas. They immediately set the land search in

As a result of information gleaned from the mainland investigation, they were able to look once again at a sudden death recorded by a coroner as "misadventure". They are also looking again at the only unsolved murder on the island, that of pensioner Marjorie Ashton, found strangled at her home in Ballasalla on May 1, 1995.

Inspector Guy Pickard said: "Some other deaths are also being very closely re-exam-ined and these inquiries are likely to take some time.

"We are actively searching an area of hill top on the southern part of the island looking for evidence as a result of information coming out of the inquiry. We are working closely with Lancashire police.

We are looking for evidence but we are really not sure what we are likely to find. This is the third day of search and it is continuing." It is understood that a po-

lice dog trained in the recovery of bodies is travelling from Lancashire to the Isle of Man to help with the search. Mr Akinmurele, who

moved to Blackpool from the Isle of Man two years ago, will reappear before magistrates in the town on Novem-

morgan, said: "I was

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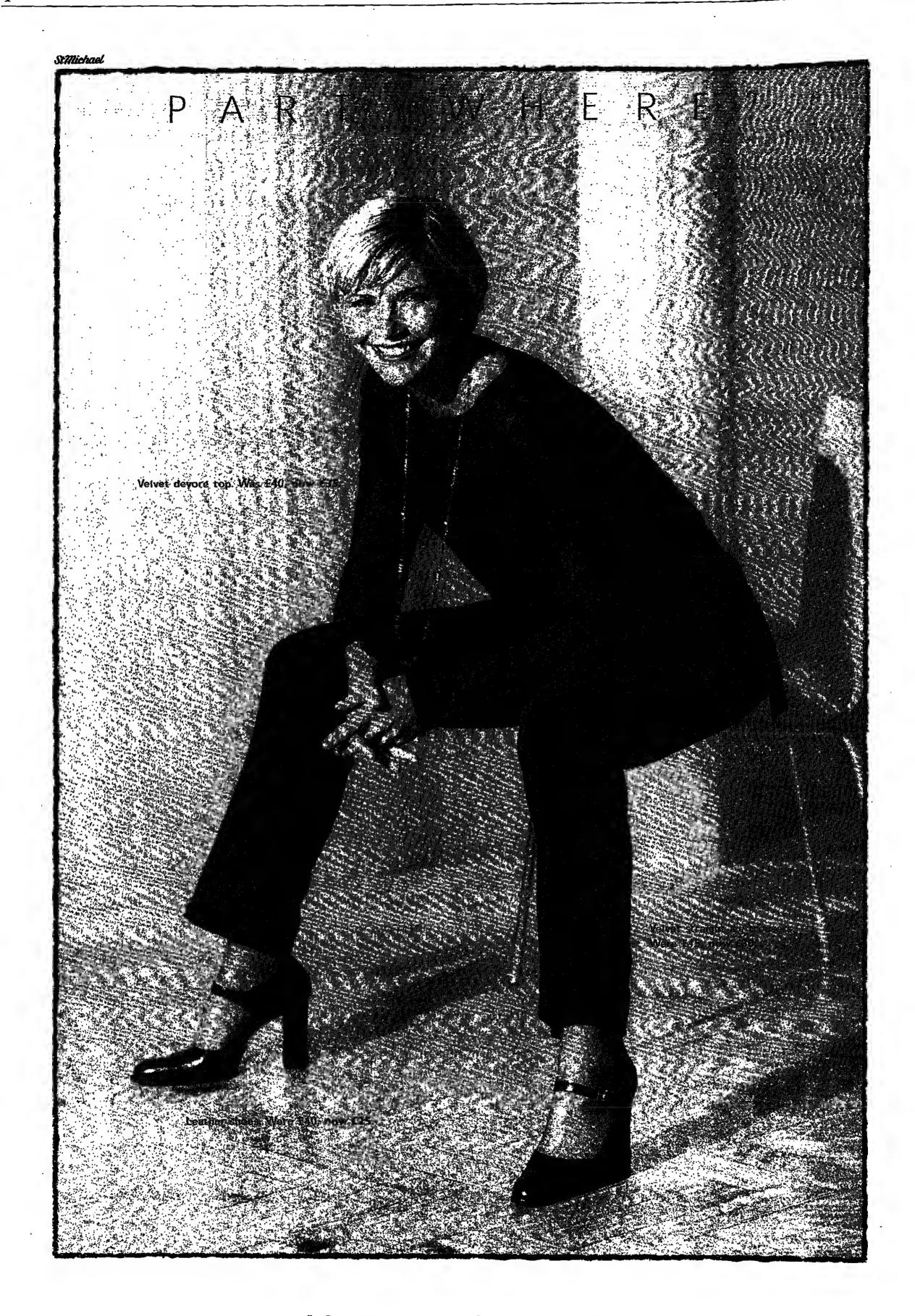


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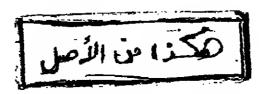
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Church is to check bishops' £8m expenses

THE expenses of the Church of England's bishops are to be scrutinised to see if they really need nearly £8 million a year to pay for chauffeurs, gardeners, chaplains and teams of secretaries.

The wide-ranging review will examine their "staffing and equipment needs" for the next millennium.

It was set up by the Arch-bishops of Canterbury and York and follows growing concern at the rising costs of maintaining the church's 108 bishops, many of whom live in large palaces.
The cost of episcopal admin-

istration, paid by the church commissioners, has risen from £3.9 million in 1988 to £8.1 million last year. £4.9 million was spent on staffing costs and £3 million on other working expenses.

Meanwhile, the amount of money given by the commissioners to support the ministry of the country's 9,500 stipendiary clergy fell from £57.4 million to £19.5 million between 1988 and 1997.

The cost of clergy pensions has almost doubled over the same period, to £82.1 million, a sum paid entirely by the com-

Most of the bishops expenses - 84 per cent - goes on staff and the rest on equipment, hospitality and travel. Diocesan bishops receive the heating, lighting, cleaning, house and garden items they need to keep the business of being a bishop running smoothly and efficiently.

All working costs will be examined to establish the bishops' staffing and equipment needs for the next century. A spokesman for the church commissioners said: "The review is to do with working costs, it is not to do with fringe bene-

"Bishops do not receive fringe benefits. The bishops" costs are a statutory charge on the commissioners. If we did Review will look at staff needs and living costs

for the next century, writes

not meet them, the dioceses would have to meet them. Everyone is trying to make sure the resources are used in the

Ruth Gledhill

best possible way."

The wide-ranging review, launched by Dr Carey along with the Archbishop of York, Dr David Hope, will be chaired by Anthony Mellows, emerity a preferent of the property o emeritus professor of law at London University and a committed Anglican..

Professor Mellows described the review as "vital to the future good of the Church's ministry."

He said: "I am assembling a team with comprehensive expertise and broad experience. 1 am especially pleased to serve in this way the leaders of the Church in which I have so happily worshipped for so many

The working party will not consider the subject of bish-



Baker: he urged a more modest lifestyle for bishops

£27,000, nor housing. Neither will it look at the costs of bishops' palaces, currently being scrutinised in a separate review which is nearing comple-

Instead, the independent committee, which has been set up outside the auspices of the church commissioners, will concentrate on "resource needs facing the leadership of the Church of England for the new millennium and beyond." Professor Mellows will report directly to the two Archbish-

Norman Baker, Liberal Democrat MP for Lewes, who has asked at least ten oral and written questions in the House of Commons on the subject of bishops' expenses, welcomed

He said: "It is hardly consistent with the Christian ethic for bishops to cost so much and to employ chauffeurs and gardeners. A more modest lifestyle would better reinforce the basic tenets of Christianity."

A spokeswoman for Dr

Carey, who has one personal secretary and seven senior staff, all with their own secretaries, said the review was not intended to examine bishops' current expenses.

She said: This is a proactive move to make sure the Church of England is properly resourced for the new millenni-

She said not all bishops had drivers, some preferring to drive themselves. Those who did have drivers used their time in the back of the car to write sermons or catch up on administrative and other essential work.

She added: This is a very positive look at the Church's ministry at a time of growing demand.

"It is not looking at what they are using now, it is looking at what they are going to need in future in terms of staffing and equipment"



Mike Fitzgerald encouraged students to teach themselves. Inspectors said standards were the worst they had come across

By Victoria Fletcher

BRITAIN'S youngest and most eccentric university vice-chancellor, who sported feath-ery bleached hair and a lozenge-shaped earring, yesterday resigned from Thames Valley University after becoming the first victim of a new quality inspection team.

Mike Fitzgerald, 47, whose rare sense of coiffure won him the title of worst haircut on television, established his zanv reputation after endorsing diplomas in kite flying and rock music and encouraging the university to sponsor a Brentford FC football match.

But vesterday higher education watchdogs declared that standards at the university were the worst they had ever come across and were now 'under threat".

The Quality Assurance

Vice-chancellor quits as university fails inspection

has said there was evidence that the university, based at campuses in Ealing and Slough, fell short of the criteria for awarding its own de-grees. It stated that "it is vital steps are taken urgently to protect the interests of current students and to secure public con-

fidence in the university". During his seven-year tenure at the university, formerly the Polytechnic of West London. Mr Fitzgerald pioneered a revolutionary style of learning, in which pupils taught with independent degree-themselves at their own pace. awarding powers". The QAA

supervision to direct its recovit caused outrage among staff. ery and secure the standard of Upon reading the report, which sources at the agency described as the most "distinctly its awards".

The Higher Education
Funding Council for England unusual" they had written, Mr Fitzgerald stepped down. "I

uing development," he said. The report found "some evidence that the university may have lost sight of some basic principles of quality assur-ance which should be commorplace in an institution

have done this in the interests

of the university and its contin-

emphasised, however, that there was "no evidence that individual students have been awarded degrees they should have failed. Once granted by the Privy Council, a university's degree-awarding powers cannot be withdrawn. Instead, the agency said the university required independent

today appointed a team led by Sir William Taylor, former vice-chancellor of the University of Hull, and Mr Quentin Thompson, of the accountants PricewaterhouseCoopers. to oversee an action plan for the university. It will involve monthly checks on the financial viability of the university, at which the intake of undergraduates this year was 30 per

cent below target.

Extra cash for schools to hire bilingual helpers

By VICTORIA FLETCHER

SCHOOLS with a large number of ethnic minority pupils are to be given extra money to employ bilingual class-room assistants, the Government announced yesterday.

Schools will also be expected to draw up action plans of how to improve their teaching of such children.

David Blunkett, the Education Secretary, said that an extra £430 million is to be spent on the teaching of minorities over the next three years after extensive research has shown that black and Asian pupils are more likely to underperform than their white counterparts. Specific help for these groups, which had already cost £138.5 million this year.

was vital to raising standards. "Children from ethnic minorioes are an important and vibrant part of today's Britain and it is vital that we ensure they have the same opportunities as everyone else," he said. "Many Asian children achieve very good results - better

than average."
But too many children from ethnic minorities were underperforming. "If you are black or of Pakistani or Bangladeshi origins, your chance of gain-ing five good GCSEs is half that of white pupils."

He said that the money would go directly to schools to enable them to employ more teachers and teaching assistants to work with their local

communities. The Education Department said that bilingual classroom assistants would not teach pupils in their native language but they would be able to help those who were struggling to

understand English. Statistics show that only 23 per cent of Pakistanl/Bangladeshi and black young people gain at least five GCSEs at grades A-C compared with 46 per cent of whites. Indians and Chinese, however, perform better than whites.

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Jail staff tell of misery inflicted by children

By Dominic Kennedy and Richard Ford

IT WAS a brave experiment: take some of the toughest children in the country, put them together into a caring domestic environment, and encourage them to face up to the errors of their ways.

The philosophy of Britain's first privately run children's iail was summarised in the name of the Group 4 company which runs it — Rebound ECD, standing for Education. Care. Discipline.

Hopes were high when the first children, aged t2 to t4, arrived in April. The staff of 100 had been carefully chosen for their cool tempers. Some were custody officers, social workers, teachers and nurses. Others wanted to work with children, their only previous experience being leading Scout

Seven months on, the Medway Secure Training Centre in Rochester, Kent, is in turmoil. When the children, who had to be addressed as "trainees" rather than "inmates", arrived they expected a harsh regime.

They were all really fright-

ened and scared," said a woman supervisor, who left after being thumped by a girl. "We were all very naive and idealisoc. We were told that they

Monday to Friday

7.30: woken by staff, bed-

10.30: mid-morning break.

12.00: back to living units.

12.15: two units lunch, two

12.50: two other units to

13.20-13.30: inmates escort-

ed back to education block.

16.30-17.15: back in house

unit, homework, supervised

17.15: evening meal. 18.30: social education

abned at improving commu-

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work sports.

rooms tidied, breakfast.

8.50: gym and lessons.

would be disturbed children and that we would be able to make a difference to them."

Mike Taylor, 46, a training supervisor who was paid £17,000 a year, said: "My job was to deliver a crime-avoidance programme. It was supposed to be an hour a day. They just said, 'P** off, we're not doing it.' They ripped the paper up, broke pens or pen-

cils and tipped the tables over. "The only way t could get their attention was to ask them to tell me about crime. They educated me about fake Rolexes

and burglary.
"I watched a young man completely trash a classroom. He broke every pane of glass after barricading a door and then went on to break tables, chairs and filing cabinets. He used a leg broken from a table as a weapon and gouged plaster out of the wall.

't got bitten three times by a girl who chewed my left arm because I told her not to pull a blind down.

He left in July because of family problems. "When it first started they had high ideals but I became disappointed because the back-up was not there, and we were not prepared for dealing with such vi-

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A YOUNG OFFENDER 18.30-20.30: supervised vis-

> 20.30-21.30: supper. Meetings with staff on achieving targets. 21.30: bedtime.

> 20.30: inmates back to liv-

22.00: lights out. Weekend routine

ing units.

8.60: woken, beds made, breakfast, dishes washed. 9.00-21.00: work to deal with anti-social behaviour, family visits, five-a-side foot-ball, basketball and individual counselling. 21.00: meetings with train-

ers to look at problems.

22.00: lights out.

olent young people." Another ex-employee said: "The place was built like a school and unfortunately it should have been built tike a prison."
Up to 40 children are looked

after in two banana-shaped, two-storey blocks. Their rooms, which staff are forbidden from calling cells, have en-suite showers. Some of the children have left taps running all day, after blocking the drains with paper to cause

"We took the knobs off the cookers so they used their teeth to turn the cookers on and set fire to paper," an ex-

They are allowed outdoors only when moving between buildings, in case they try to escape over the two perimeter fences, which are 4.8 metres high. Two children escaped by scaling the fine mesh fences, taking only three minutes, as staff watched in astonishment.

The regime was flawed because the staff who were expected to nurture the children also had to lock them in their rooms. "You had to be everything: their care worker, their friend, in loco parentis, and you still had to hang them up at night whether they wanted to go or not." said the woman

A riot in June proved the turning point. A supervisor said: "t cheered when the police arrived." The officers wore riot gear and brought dogs. The staff were in their uniforms. 'The police were amazed that we were supposed to deal with it in a green polo shirt and a pair of beige trousers."

Afterwards, prison warders from Liverpool were brought in. A former supervisor said: "You know what prison officers do: they get you in a hold and they can hurt you. They are the only ones the kids have any respect for."

A spokeswoman for Rebound denied that prison officers used extra force: There are very clear rules of engagement because of the age group. The children know their rights.



Sue Clifton, director of the Medway Secure Training Centre, with staff in their uniforms. Police wore riot gear when they were called to the unit



Each "trainee" has a room with en-suite shower

Last resort for boy who kept defying the law

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

criminal record stretching back years.

He arrived at the training centre after being convicted of 16 serious offences including burglary, theft, assault and taking and driving away. A further 51 other offences were taken into consideration by magistrates who ordered him to attend Medway Secure Training Centre.

Lee had seven previous convictions but for years had regarded himself as beyond the reach of the law. He believed that he was "untouchable".

He had previously been giveo three supervision orders, a community sentence that is the last chance before being locked up. Under the supervision order an offender is required to attend courses, such

LEE is 14 and already has a as drug treatment, or can be given tuition at home.

Lee had been formally breached twice for failing to comply with the terms of the order and had a long history of running away from local authority homes. His youth justice worker wrote in a presentence report that there was a risk that he would reoffending unless he was put in a seure environment

In spite of this warning to the court, the report said; "I would ask the court to consider dealing with him by means

of a new supervision order." Lee (which is not his real name) had minimum contact with his mother. Although she was supportive of him, she recongised that he was beyond her control. He had had no contact with his father for sev-

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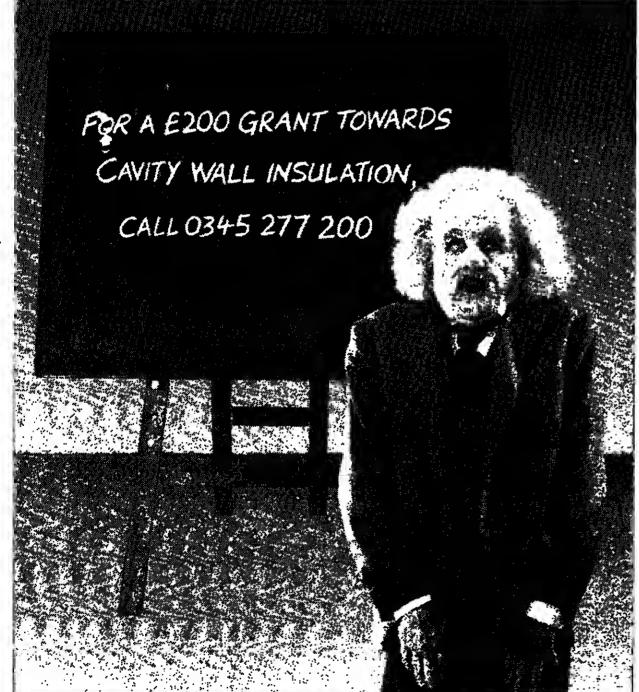
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eral years. The case is typical of the 60 children aged 12-14 who have been through Med-

Many are illiterate, though adept at using computers. One 13-year-old had been playing truant, or been excluded from school, for six years,

Figures show that on average each of the 60 children had spent three years either playing truant or excluded from school before arriving at Medway and each had been coovicted of an average seven serious offences. One 12-yearold had 15 convictions.

Fifty-four of the 60 had beeo io care immediately before being sent to Medway. Forty-five of the 54 had run away from care in the past and 42 of the 54 had records of



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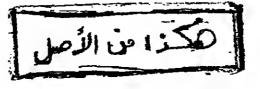
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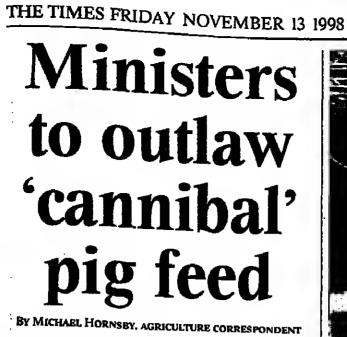
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TIGHTER controls on feed for pigs and poultry were proposed by the Government yesterday to prevent the possible

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The proposals would ban the use of the remains of any mammals in pig swill and stop pig slaughterhouse waste and petfood waste being fed to

The Government is also consulting on whether to continue allowing catering waste containing pig or poultry material to be fed to pigs and poultry. Jeff Rooker, the Food Safety Minister, said the measures would strengthen existing safe-

guards on the disposal of ani-We want to make sure that all those involved in the processing and disposal of animai waste understand their responsibilities," he said.

New construction and hygiene standards are also being proposed for knackers' yards, where injured livestock are dis-

The measures reflect heightened concern about animal feeding practices since the emergence of BSE, particularly the "cannibalism" involved in feeding animals the remains of their own species.

BSE is thought to have passed to cattle in feed containing the remains of sheep infected with scrapie, and then to have been spread through the cattle herd in meat and bonemeal made from cattle remains. Such feed has been banned for cattle and sheep

Nigel Rowe, a pig farmer in Essex and vice-chairman of the National Farmers' Union's pig committee, said: "I do not think that these measures will add to our costs or cause any great problems as most pig farmers will be complying with them already."

The Government also yesterday called on sheep farmers to co-operate in a survey to establish the incidence of scrapie, a disease similar to BSE.

About 500 cases of scrapie, a notifiable disease, are confirmed each year but it is suspected that the true incidence of the disease may be up to ten times higher.

Scrapie has existed for centuries without causing humans known harm, but scientists are worried that BSE may have passed from cattle to sheep and be disguised as scrapie.

☐ The European Commission yesterday called for a ban on the use of four antibiotics in animal feed. The Commission said it was acting on evidence that the antiobiotics, used mainly as growth promoters in pigs and poultry, may be linked to growing human resistance to the drugs. The NFU said: "We would

be concerned by an immediate ban on these antiobiotics, which could affect the welfare of pigs and poultry. We have seen no hard scientific evidence that their use has caused antibiotic-resistance in humans." Veterinary officials will decide later in the year whether to impose a ban. The EU has already banned

15 antibiotics from animal feed. The new four are bacitracin zinc, spiramycin, virginiamycin and tysolin phosphate.



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Choristers from the Royal Op-A chorus of era gathered outside 10 Downing Street yesterday to complaint stage a musical protest for more funds for the house (Dalya Alberge writes). Si-mon Callow, the actor and difrom opera rector, and Sir Edward

ter, calling for public funding to prevent the temporary closure of the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet next year. Staff, who are at loggerheads with the management over pay

and working hours, held plac-ards — including one that read "Save the ROH Chorus - chorus of slaves? Sir Edward said the lack of public funds for the house was "a national disgrace, an act of cultural vandalism"; meanwhile, he added, the Government was backing pop groups "who will be forgotten in three years". Mr Callow said he was dismayed at the Goy-

ernment's attitude - that

"these things don't matter".

Well-heeled kick off show to aid homeless

By HELEN RUMBELOW

CELEBRITIES were overshadowed last night by those that had carried them to power: their training shoes.

The stars may come and go but there will always be others to fill their shoes, said the organisers of the first art exhibition featuring trainers. which opened yesterday.

in a West London art gallery the trainers donated by 20 celebrities are displayed in see-through acrylic boxes. Others are valuable examples from the 20-year history of the trainer. These soupedup plimsolls have names as famous as almost all of the people whom they have sprung to fame.

Melanie Chisholm from the Spice Girls has signed her E80 Air Max. an unusual red and black version that she customised with elastic underneath the laces for the quick costume changes on the band's world tour. Sharleen Spiteri, from the pop group Texas, a self-confessed trainer addict, donated an extremely rare prototype from Fila, one of only ten in the world and with an unknown sale value.

Noel Gallagher of Oasis gave away the cheapest pair, Converse All Stars that he got for £30. On the side is scrawled: "Quite sane was

One pair of ten-year-old scruffy plimsolls that look like many hanging around everyone's garage is actually worth more than £2,000. They are a rare pair of Nike Jordans called Jordan Mark One, which were produced in a short run before the official contract with their namesake, the basketball star

Michael Jordan was signed. However, they are not quite as revolting as Damien Hirst's offerings. He gave some shoes so toxic that they had to be delivered in a plastic bag. "He said he thought they would look really great

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Melanie Chisholm and her customised £80 Air Max



The adidas Trident TRs donated by the DJ Zoe Ball



Noel Gallagher gave his £30 Converse All Stars

mounted in the Perspex boxes," said Alan Grant, who with his brother James has organised the exhibition at the Notting Hill Arts Club. "But we would have needed to seal them off anyway because of

the smell." They expect to raise hundreds of pounds in auction for the Centrepoint homeless

charity at the end of the

month. It is testament to how

"much more than mere performance-orientated coverings for your feet", trainers have become, a rise and fall charted in a the first unauthorised celebrity biography of the shoe. Sneakers, Size Isn't Every-

thing, charts the life, looks, and lovers of the trainer, and perhaps even its death. For this year Nike revealed its first loss in a decade.

Save our hedges, say MPs

CORRESPONDENT

BETTER protection of hedges, stone walls and other field houndaries is needed to avert the risk of a "broken and dispirited" countryside, MPs

A report by the Commons environment sub-committee criticised current law on the subject as "confusingly piece-meal and bureaucratic" and

The MPs called for more cash to pay farmers for the repair of traditional field boundaries and said that farm subsidies should be conditional on farmers' observing a duty of care to maintain basic hedge and wall maintenance.

drystone-wall building.

Hogg 'wanted an inquiry into BSE'

CONSERVATIVE ministers rejected a proposal for a judicial inquiry into the handling of the BSE affair in early 1996, it emerged vesterday.

The recommendation came from Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, who argued that public pressure for such an investigation would become irresistible, Richard Packer, the top civil servant at the Ministry of Agriculture. told the inquiry into BSE that was set up two years later by the Labour Government.

Mr Packer also disclosed that the Tory Government had considered, but rejected, the possibility of withdrawing all beef stocks from shops after the discovery that BSE, or "mad cow" disease, had proba-

bly passed to humans. Mr Hogg made his recommendation in a confidential letter to John Major on March 18, 1996, two days before Stephen Dorrell, then Health

pressure for a more formal ju-dicial investigation is likely to prove irresistible." He went on

parts entered the food chain.

"I believe that it is inevitable

ters collectively". Mr Packer, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture since 1993, rejected suggestions by Sir Kenneth Cal-man, the former Chief Medical Officer, that the ministry had been complacent about failure by abattoirs to ensure that no potentially infected

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said yesterday. "arbitrary and inequitable".

They also recommended the

provision of more practical advice to farmers on how to manage field boundaries, and said that more people should be trained in hedge-laying and

the likelihood that BSE-infected beef had caused ten cases of a new strain of Creutzfeldt-Jakoh disease. that we will need to accept an inquiry into the Government's reaction to BSE, probably headed by a High Court judge." Mr Hogg wrote. "The

Downes, the house's princi-

pal conductor, also joined in

the rendition of The Chorus

of the Hebrew Slaves, from

Verdi's Nabucco. A petition

with 15,000 signatures was

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to suggest that there would "be advantage in taking the initiative and proposing one ourselves". Mr Packer noted in his evidence that "the proposal proved unacceptable to minis-

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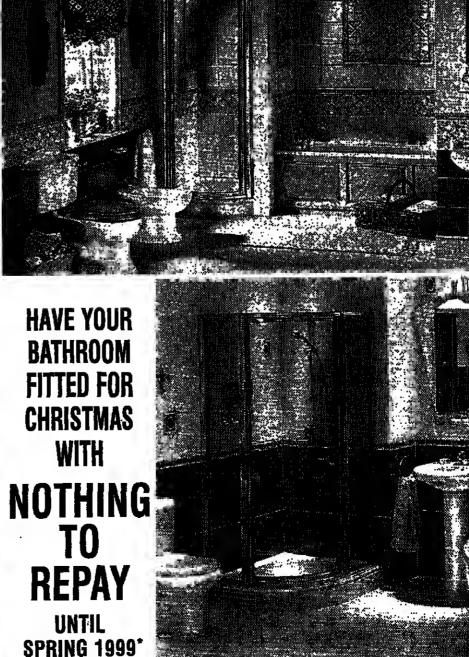


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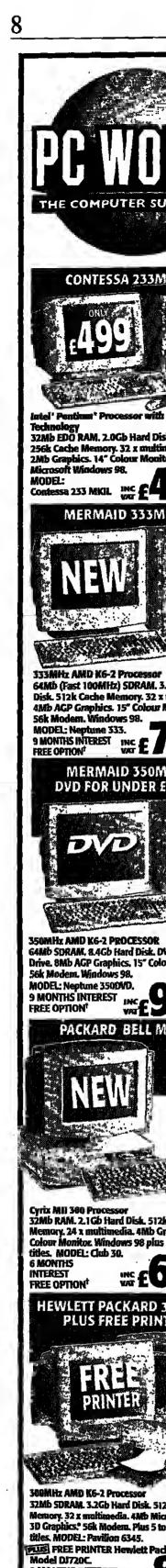
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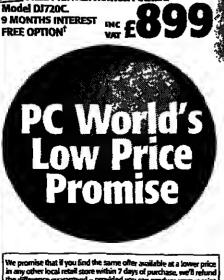
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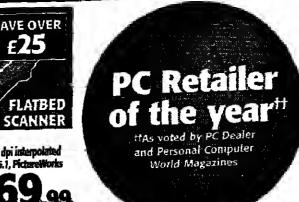
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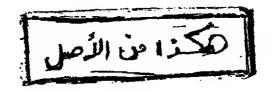
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Living in an "eco-village" in West Wales, though, she could hardly run away and join a band of New Age travellers as contemporaries elsewhere might have done. Instead, she said: "What 1 wanted were washing machines and a big fridge. I wanted my parents to wear shell suits and drive a big smart car.

"But every time I tried to rebel, my parents just said, 'Go on, get on with it, we're not going to stop you. It wasn't easy, though I did my best to worry them sick for a couple of years.

Martha, who has two A levels and is studying for a third despite never having spent a day in school, says her revolt stopped once she accepted and understood what her parents were trying to do.

Now the 22 residents of her community near Newport in the Pembrokshire Coast National Park hope the rest of the world will feel the same way. They have been inundated

with offers of support and even financial assistance since The Times revealed that planners had ordered the demolition of their experimental straw and turf huts. Although they will appeal, the chances of success are slim.

The eco-village was spotted by the pilot of an aircraft carrying out an survey of unauthorised development in the national park. Its dozen buildings, carefully concealed from the

'Lost tribe' hopes outside support will help it to fight off demolition,

reports Simon de Bruxelles

road by screens of trees, were given away by the glint of sunlight from a solar panel.

For thousands of years people have been building strange structures in the shadow of Mount Carningli in the Prescelly Hills. Few, however, are stranger than the buildings of Brithdir Mawr, which owe much to their prehistoric predecessors. It is not just their design and the use of local materials, but the concept that homes can be part of the countryside rather than imposed

Brithdir Mawr's founders, Martha's parents Julian and Emma Orbach, bought the 165-acre farm, complete with derelict buildings, for £150,000 five years ago. They recruited like-minded friends and set to work rebuilding the farmhouse and turning the cowshed into an award-winning hostel for ramblers.

But their ambitions did not end there. Mr Orbach, 46, an architectural historian, had previously made unsuccessful attempts to be allowed to experiment with "low-impact", sustainable housing in the countryside. Convinced he would never get planning permis-sion, this time he did not bother to apply.

"How do you explain to planners who think in terms of bungalows with lawns and attached garages that you want to built a house out of mud and wood with a turf roof?" he asked."What we wanted to do was to get the structures finished then invite the planners round so they could see and hopefully understand what we are trying to achieve."

Residents of Brithdir Mawr describe themselves as a community, not a commune. They do not pool their income, have their own kitchens and bathrooms and eat together only once a week.

They laugh at the descrip-tion of themselves as the "lost tribe of Wales" because most have part-time jobs locally and never made a secret of where they live.

The ten adults and 12 children include Brent, an electrical engineer who rigged up submarine batteries charged by a windmill and solar panels 10 provide lighting; Ianto, a Mancunian builder responsible for many of the structures; and Chris Reynolds, 54, a farmer who wanted to try working with the land rather

than exploiting it.
Since Brithdir Mawr's "discovery", the outside world has been beating a path to Tony Wrench's round house, built of clay and timber and roofed with straw and turf.

Yesterday, a television crew from BBC Wales and the producer of a documentary series were the latest guests to share bowls of vegetable soup and homemade bread with the former local government officer. Elsewhere students from the University of Glamorgan studying environmental development were being given a guided tour of Brithdir Mawr. inside the hut a wood-burning stove made out of a milk churn provides warmth and hot water, which is stored in an old whisky barrel. The floors of beaten earth have dried hard and its 360-degree windows are the recycled windscreens of old coaches. The entire structure cost him just £2,500 to build and is all but invisible from more than a few yards

Mr Wrench, who shares the hut with his girlfriend, Jane cheapest house in Britain, it must be the best value. Though if I have to knock it down again I may have to reconsider that statement.

"Absolutely nothing is wasted. We have a compost toilet and the sink drains into reed beds which act as filters. Apart from the glass, everything is made out of natural materi-

Mr Wrench spends his time coppicing the neglected woodlands, turning wooden plates and bowls to sell in the hostel, and working on his ideas for a "permaculture" that would enable the countryside to be repopulated without being de-

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As he lugged timber to the horse-drawn cart, Mr Orbach contrasted the planners' ban on the innovative buildings, which include a geodesic dome, a stave and turf goathut and a half-built straw-bale house, with their blind eye to more traditional blots on the landscape. Farmsteads elsewhere were littered with outhouses of breeze blocks and corrugated asbestos, rusting cars, mildewed caravans propped up on bricks and, said Mr Orbach, "don't forget the rotting Reliant Robins".

At Brithdir Mawr they have been ordered to fill in a recently excavated duck pond and demolish the ingenious turf and timber bicycle shed.

It is hard work being an ecovillager, besides the everpresent mud and the danger of falling into the compost lavatory. Without the benefit of modern appliances. Martha spends a lot of her time sawing wood and doing household chores. She shares the main house with the other teenager. I6-vear-old Sita.

Down the path, the academics were sliding about ankle deep in slime admiring the house of straw. Behind them, was one sight not on their itinerary: the yellow carcass of a rotting Reliant Robin, decaying discreetly out of sight.



Martha Orbach at Brithdir Mawr: she has two A levels, but has never been to school

NEWS IN BRIEF Bus crash injures 37 pupils

Thirty-seven children were taken to hospital after their double-decker bus was in collision with another bus on the way to school. A fleet of ambulances took the children, aged Il to 16, to Rotherham District Hospital. The pupils, from Aston Comprehensive School, Sheffield, suffered shock, minor cuts and bruising. Three adults were also injured. The buses collided at a junction controlled by traffic lights. Police are investigating.

Goalie fined

The Liverpool goalkeeper David James, 28, was fined £800 by Calderdale magistrates for driving at 102mph on the M62 in West Yorkshire. James, twice banned for speeding, had just collected a new Jaguar from Hull.

ll4th birthday

Britain's oldest person cele-brated her 114th birthday yesterday. Annie Jennings, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire, won her place in The Guinness Book of Records this year after her MP, Tony Benn, contacted the publishers.

Sophie's choice

Vets took a 7in metal skewer from the stomach of a golden retriever that swallowed a kebab whole. "This must be the most expensive kebab ever. The vet's bills came to £400," said Andrew Kneller, of Portsmouth, Sophie's owner.



Tony Wrench: absolutely nothing is wasted, he says

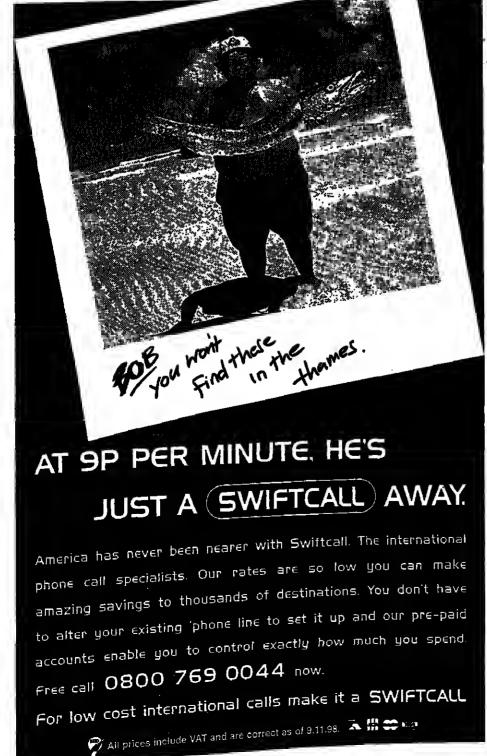


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Nursery staff 'were part of child sex ring'

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TWO nursery teachers who allegedly abused more than 60 children in their care were probably part of a paedophile ring, an investigation has concluded. Some of the victims were under two.

The inquiry into the activities of Christopher Lillie and Dawn Reed at the Shieldfield nursery in Newcastle upon Tyne during the early 1990s condemns the city council for the slack way it ran the school and monitored its staff.

Parents of at least 27 of the children now plan to bring legal action against the council for negligence.

The inquiry accuses the council of offering "little more than a poor child-minding service" and ignoring the concerns of parents who feared that their children were being abused. Its social services department had a "complacent and insular" attitude.

References were not checked thoroughly, records were either lost or not kept and senior managers at the nursery failed to question why Lillie or Reed removed children for alleged trips. The inquiry heard evi-dence that the children were taken to Lillie's home and other houses in Newcastle, where they were abused and videoed



Reed, above, and Lillie



for pornographic purposes. Two unidentified members of the council's staff were yesterday suspended pending an in-

ternal inquiry.

Reed, now 27, and Lillie, now 34, were cleared of sexual-ly abusing a a boy aged four, a boy aged three and a girl of four when they appeared be-fore Newcastle Crown Court

in July 1994. The judge at the trial, Mr Justice Holland. ruled that the video evidence of the four-year-old girl, the oldest of the alleged victims, was inadmissible because of her age. The prosecution then offered no evidence.

Reed and Lillie were sacked for gross misconduct by the city council. They are both be-lieved to still be living on Tyneside. Reed has since married and Lillie is understood to have changed his name.

In a 350-page report pub-lished yesterday, an independ-ent team headed by Richard Barker, head of the Division of Child Family Studies at the University of Northumbria in Newcastle, found that more than 1,400 children came into contact with the two during their time at the nursery. The team concludes that Lil-

lie "took every opportunity to abuse the children" and that Reed "was party to it". The report adds: "As well as Christo-pher Lillie and Dawn Reed, it is clear that others outside the nursery were involved in abusing children for their own gratification and probably also for the production of pornographic material. These people have never been found.

The review, which has taken four years to complete, was launched after the court case



collapsed four years ago. It says that there was confusion over Lillie's qualifications and doubts about his referees, but no police checks were made about either's background, Lillie had been the probable victim of abuse when he was in care as a child.

It accuses Newcastle social services of "lamentable" mananagement of its nurseries. The report also concludes that the nursery was run for the convenience of the staff and not the children, staff failed to

the abused children, and that there was a failure to recognise the high number of socalled "accidents" that took place under the care of the abusers. One accident report book covering the period im-mediately before the abuse came to light has disappeared.

The team say that the four managers at Shieldfield, Peter Blythe. Joyce Eyeington, Susan Eyeington and Audrey Palmer, "must take some responsibility". The report adds: "Children's problems, even

al abuse, were generally blamed on their families which resulted in abuse by nursery staff being undetected for longer than should have been the case and for some parents being inapropriately suspected of abuse.

"Staff were poorly trained in the nursery in relacion to child protection and there appear to be no records kept of which staff had received training." The nursery had been "a vulnerable environment which Reed and Lillie had manipulat-

Tony Flynn, the leader of Newcastle council, said last night: "We have written to all concerned offering them the facility of our careline for support and advice and this is open to any parent or carer involved. There are lessons to be

learnt by everyone concerned with child protection." A spokesman for the Department of Health said that it had asked Newcastle City Council to provide it with an action plan detailing how it intended to respond to the inquiry's 75

The wonderful years of his growing up have been stolen'

BY PAUL WILKNSON

THE mother of a boy said to have been abused at the Shieldfield nursery said yes-terday that she had been robbed of his years as a child.

He had started at the nursery in 1991 aged 18 months while his mother, a single parent now-45, was at work. Today he is in a special school after developing behavioural problems, which his mother plames on the abuse he suf-

"He talks about sex in the way you might expect a teenager to talk," she said. "He wants to touch me and his

comments about our bodies. I am afraid to cuddle him for what he might do. We cannot go out socially.

"He was my little baby, I have had those wonderful years of his growing up taken away from me." The mother said: "I be-

lieved my little boy was being looked after, but I began to be worried when he would come home in girl's clothing. When I asked why I was fobbed off with a story that he had wet himself or spilt food, but his clothes were never returned.

"One day when I went in to the nursery they were chang-



The Shieldfield nursery: the inquiry report described it as a vulnerable environment

ing his nappy. When I went into the room there was a panic and they tried to order me out, but I refused to go and I watched them carefully. They all looked very flustered.

"I cannot believe that no

one acted sooner. My son's life has been ruined. We live day by day. He sees a psychologist for five minutes every three months but that it not

enough." Another woman, aged 43.

whose daughter was two when she was abused, said: "I will never understand as long as I live how these two people could get away with this type of abuse. When we visited the thought was a safe and well-run establishment."

The girl's father, 44, said: "Our daughter will be eight on Saturday and although this happened nearly six years ago, we are still feeling it."

The mother whose small son was the first to talk about what was happening also spoke. Her child was two years and five months when be started at the nursery and suffered abuse for 11 months

before it was uncovered. The mother, 50, said: "My son is a very bright little boy. He was screaming at night, he became aggressive, even to-wards me and some nights he

would not even come into our own house after leaving nursery. He kept talking about having another mammy and kept wanting to know if I was his real mammy.

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Thankfully I picked up on certain things that he said. At last he told me they were hurting his bottom. Over the next few weeks I found out more and more from him.

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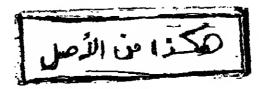


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The series launched yesterday is devoted to celebrating Britain's achievements, and is the biggest collection ever released in this country. It comprises 12 sets totalling 48 stamps, each on a different theme. Each stamp will be designed by one of Britain's foremost artists, such as Antony Gormley, David Hockney and Sir Eduardo Paolozzi. Damien Hirst was invited to take part but turned the offer down because he was too busy.

The subjects, however, cho-sen by Jeremy Black. Professor of History at the University of Exeter, are bound to cause controversy. Royalty has been almost completely ig-nored, and there are few traditional "great men".

Robert Bruce is the only King to get a stamp in his own right. James 1 gets in via the Authorised Versinn of the Bihle but there is no place for Alfred. Elizabeth 1 or Victoria. Generals, politicians and artists and writers also fare badly

— Gladstone, Churchill, Wellington, Turner and Dickens

all miss out. Science and technology, by contrast, is well represented. At least 20 of the stamps could be said to have a scientific theme, and individuals such as Darwin, Newton, Brunel. Turing and Edward Jenner (the latter drawn by Peter Brookes, the Times cartoonist) are included. Popular culture shares

equal billing with the fine arts. The Entertainers' Tale set, to be issued in June, features the late pop star Freddie Mercury performing at Live Aid, a dalek from Dr Who, Charlie Chaplin (drawn by Ralph Steadman) and a depiction of Bobby Moore lifting the World Cup by Mike White, who draws Roy of the Rovers. The Maori appears along-

side Captain Cook on a stamp

marking the explorer's voyag-











Clockwise from top left: timekeeping, steam power, jet travel, liberation, Cook, transport links, computers and photography

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es by the artist Andrzej Klimowski, and the potato is an example of new foods on the design by Tessa Traeger.

Peter Jennings, a stamp ex-pert and fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society London, said

he was "bitterly disappointed"

by the Royal Mail's choices. 'Major landmarks in British history are notable by their absence," he said. "There is no battle of Hastings or Waterloo, yet there are some extraordinarily obscure things there."
Professor Black said that he

had deliberately avoided too narrow a focus on political and military history. "I know some people will be upset that there is no Waterloo and no Oueen Victoria, but we were not trying to present a political

gone for themes that show the development of Britain and the people who live here, the things that have changed the quality of people's lives." The stamps will be issued in

batches of four every month

THE MILLENNIUM TALES

Themes that sum up millennium Britisin (artist's name in brackets):

Inventors' Tale (January)
Timekeeping and the Meridian (David Gentleman); steem power (Poter Howson); photography (Zafer and Barbara Baran); computers —— Alan Turing (Sir Eduardo Paolozo).

Jet travel - Sir Frank Whittle and de Havdland (George Hardie); the bicycle (Sara Fanelli); locomotion — Isambard Kingdom Brunel (John

Lawrence); Captain Cook (Andrzej Klimowski). Patients' Tale (March) Vaccination - Edward Jenner (Peter Brookes); patient care - Flor-

ence Nightingale (Susan Macfarlane); penicilin - Alexander Fleming (Mike Dempsey): in-vitro ferblisation (Antony Gormley).

Settlers' Tale (April) The Normans (John Byrne); The Pilgnm Fathers (Wilson McLean); emi-

gration and colonisation (Jeff Fisher); immigration and Windrush (Gary

Weaving (Peter Collingwood); the milt (David Hockney); shipbuilding Weaving (Peter Collingwood); the milt (David Hockney); shipbuilding

(Bill Sanderson); the City of London (Brendan Neiland). Live Aid -- Freddie Mercury (Peter Blake); Dr Who -- Daleks (Justin

Mortimer); Bobby Moore -- as Roy of the Rovers (Mike White); Charlie Chaplin (Ralph Steadman). The right to vote - suffragettes (Natasha Kerr); the right to health -

sanitation (Michael Craig-Martin); the right to learn - Robert Owen (Allan Drummond); Magna Carta (Alan Kitching). Scientists' Tale (August)

DNA (Mike Curtis); Darwin (Ray Harris Ching); electricity (Colin Gray); Newton (to be confirmed).

Farmers' Tale (September) Strip farming (David Tress); mechanised farming -- Jethro Tull (Christopher Wormell); new foods — the potato (Tessa Traeger); farmland

by satellite (Richard Cooke).

Robert the Bruce (Andrew Davidson); the Civil War (Rod Kelly); war graves (Don McCullin); peacekeeping (Christopher Corr).

Christians' Tale (November — Christians Stateps)
The Nativity (Craigle Anchison); John Wesley (Brody Neuenshwander); the King James Bible (Clare Melinsky); St Andrew's Cathedral (Catherina Vers).

Artists' Tale (December)

Performing arts -- Shakespeare (Allen Jones); music (Bridget Riley); visual arts (Howard Hodglin); final stamp (to be confirmed).

Nurses go nutty for good health

By Nigel Hawkes

EATING plenty of nuts can cut the risk of heart disease. American study has

Nurses who ate nuts five times a week had a 35 per cent lower risk of heart disease when compared with those who ate them less than once a

The data, published in the British Medical Journal, come from a study of 86,000 women, mostly nurses, between 1980 and 1990. Researchers from Harvard School of Public Health followed their bealth and asked them what they atc.

The beneficial effect of the nuts may come from the unsaturated fats they contain, the team speculates. Alternatively, it may be that nut-eating is a "marker" for a healthy lifestyle that includes exercise and fruit as well as nuts.

The team corrected for these confounding factors as that the beneficial effect of nuts persisted. They conclude that nuts can be considered part of a healthy diet.

In a commentary in the journal, Professor Hugh Tunstall-Pedoe, of Dundee University, says the new evidence rehabilitates the nut, often seen as an unhealthy snack food.

Suicide is linked to birth pain

BY OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

A PAINFUL birth increases the risk of suicide in adult life,

a Swedish study has found. Two Swedish professors compared the birth experiences of 242 adults who took their own lives by violent means with 403 siblings who did not. In the British Medical Journal they report that a common feature among the suicides was a difficult birth.

That included the use of forceps, the need for resuscitation and breech presentation at birth. The suicides had experienced twice as many interventions at birth as their siblings. They also found that the mothers of babies who subsequently killed themselves had longer labours and fewer painkillers.

. Professors Bertil , Jacobson and Marc Bygdeman believe that a tranmatic birth "imprints" a pattern of behaviour in which individuals unconsciously seek a similarly traumatic experience in suicide.

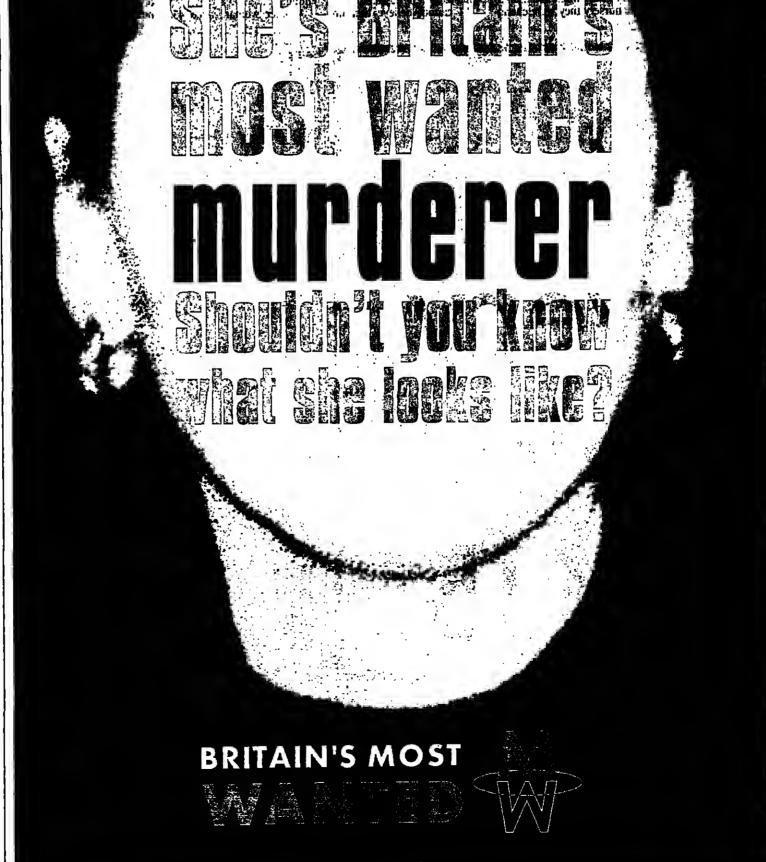
The hypothesis wins little support from Louis Appleby. Professor of Psychiatry at Manchester University, who says in the BMJ that violent suicides are linked with severe mental illnesses such as schizophrenia and manic depression. A difficult birth is also linked to the same mental disorders, probably as a result of an oxygen shortage at birth.





TONIGHT 9-00pm





TV FROM THE HEART



Lady Hurd: could not eat.

Judy Hurd tells how she fought ' leukaemia

JUDY HURD, the wife of the former Tory Foreign Secretary Lord Hurd of Westwell, has revealed how a diet of cook books and television chefs have helped her fight leukaemia (Mark Inglefield writes).

Because chemotherapy depletes the immune system, her diet was restricted and had to be overcooked to kill bacteria. "Food is full of bugs friendly to the healthy person, but not to those of us languishing in Ward 5E," she writes in this week's Spectator.

The restrictions brought on an insatiable interest in cookery. "As many of my fellow patients seemed to lose interest in food, I stubbornly retained it through those four long months of chemotherapy."

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She also made a promise to a friend who rang from a Cornish quay to say she was collecting lobsters: "I vowed to be on that quay in summer 1999."

United we stand, divided we fail, Blair tells Scots

TONY BLAIR last night presented his vision of a Britain united through generations by continon values and shared ideals that should not be sacrificed to the "narrow politics of identity" and separatism. In an emotional speech in

In an emotional speech in Glasgow that marked the launch of Labour's campaign for the Scottish parliament elections in May next year. Mr Blair said the historic solidarity of the British people must tritimph over separatism.

Buring the next six months Britain faced a stark choice between two futures, he said: one that built on the common experiences and sacrifices made by the people of the United Kingdom in which together they were able to defeat fascism, build a welfare state and fight against unemployment; or one in which the Scottish Nationalists were allowed to erect barriers that would make the English-born children of Scots foreigners in Scotland, barriers that would threaten jobs, taxes, schools and hospitals.

Addressing an audience of students and academics at Strathelyde University, he said: "Throughout the next six months there is one argument the Scottish National Party dan't want to have, it is an argument about devolution versus separation. But politics is about more than identity, it is also about ideals. That is why

Ideals must not be sacrificed in election for

identity, Labour warns. Shirley English reports

in the coming months we will try to put the case for the politics of social justice to overcome the narrow politics of identity."

He said in this week following Remembrance Sunday every one carried an awareness of history and of "the experiences and institutions that in Britain we share — for we are all united in remembering the great sacrifices that the nations of these islands have together made in times of great peril. We stood together to defeat fascism and we worked together to build a welfare state."

He said: "Throughout this century, in the time when working people earned their living by the skills of their hands and the strength of their back, throughout Britain they were united in their struggle against unemployment. Whether it was the Upper Clyde shipyard workers or the Jarrow marchers, all asserted

the dignity and decency of work. These common bonds and mutual interests endure in a different world today." New Labour's vision was

New Labour's vision was one "of a country united by common purpose and derived from shared values, that make Scotland stronger with Britain and Britain stronger with Scot-

Devolution, he said, had safeguarded the distinctiveness and democratic control of Scottish institutions. As a result the Nationalists could no
longer argue that Scottish nationhood was under threat. Instead they had been forced to
claim that the values of the
Scots were so different from
the rest of Britain that new barriers should be established.

grated Britain was. Born in Scotland, he had lived most of his life in England. His mother was Irish, his father English but both were raised in Scotland. "We are bound together. Why set us apart?"

He said the Nationalists continued to argue that Scotlishness was diminished by any connection with the rest of Britain. "While Labour is investigated.

Mr Blair said his own fami-

ly history illustrated how inte-

Mary Ann Sieghart, page 22

ing in the NHS, the riational-

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ment," he said.



Tony Blair speaking at Strathclyde University yesterday

Time to stop the complaints and step up reforms

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Parliament are for
ever complaining
about a democratic deficit in
Europe. But, now, they have
a chance to do something
about it. The Government
yesterday produced a White
Paper. The Scrutiny of
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that hetps to answer these
complaints by intproving the
way the Commons deals with

the EU.

Many key decisions on trade, health and safety and the single market are taken in a complicated triangle of the Commission, ministers and the Strasbourg Parliament. This limits the scope for MPs to intervene. The challenge for national parliaments has been to have their say before proposals are

The Commons already has an elaborate machinery for scrutinising new European proposals — malching the broader work of the Lords

RIDDELL

the Lords committees. Unfortunately. this scrutiny has become a

has become a ghetto activity, attracting zealots on both sides but ignored by virtually everyone else. The process also has inherent flaws. These are addressed in the new package, brought forward by Margaret Beckett. Leader of the Commons, which broadly reflects the cross-party view set out in three reports by various comminees of the House since mid-1996.

The big gap has been intergovernmental co-operation on foreign and security policy and justice and home affairs under the Maastricht treaty. This had not yet been brought fully within the scrutiny system, but will now.

The key point is the

government undertaking to Parliament, known as the scrutiny reserve, not to agree to measures in the Council of Ministers before MPs have had an opportunity fully to consider proposals. This will be strengthened to include areas of intergovernmental co-operation as well as Commission Green Papers. Ministers have also promised to improve the flow

of information about EU

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business. The number of European Standing Committees is to be increased from two to three and their members are likely to be nominated for a whole Parliament rather than just one session. The committees will have a wider remit to consider EU developments.

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These changes are desirable but will make little difference unless the Commons makes use of them. MPs are always in favour of reform in general but seldom do much about it in practice. It is a question of attitude. For instance, the Treasury committee is doing a good job of holding the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England to account and has held some informative hearings on the world economy. Giles Radice, the chairman, took part in an important initiative to link the

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Treasury committees in meetings twice a year to look at the work of the European Central Bank.

ON POLITICS

n other areas, the pace of reform is disappointingly slow. A sensible package to improve the way legislation is considered was approved more than a year ago, but only a limited amount has been implemented. Some draft Bills have been produced and there has been limited programming of the way that constitutional Bills are considered. Otherwise, little has changed in the way

keen to press ahead with its heavy legislative programme. Mrs Beckett is well aware of this and hopes that more reforms will be implemented in the coming session. The Commons is reforming itself, but the pace will have to be stepped up if Westminster is not to be left behind by the far-reaching constitutional

that Bills are examined and

debated, in part because a

new Government has been

changes under way.
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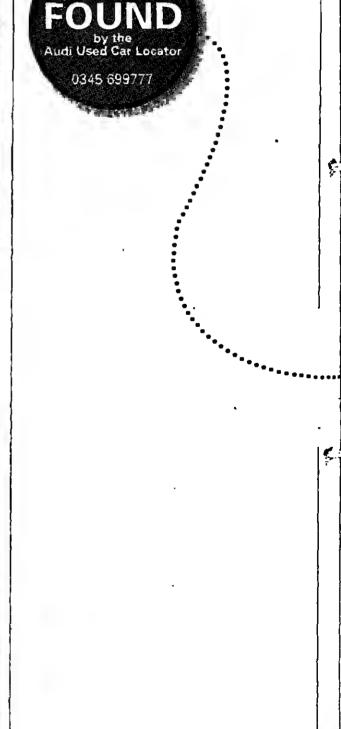


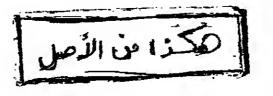
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Michael threatens to scrap £10m building

ALUN MICHAEL, the new plans for a £10 million building on the Cardiff seafront to house the Welsh assembly. The project has already been nicknamed "Crystal Balls".

Mr Michael is considering siting the assembly inside the existing Cardiff City Hall. where he himself was once a councillor. The move would be popular in Cardiff, where there was resentment that London architects, the Richard Rogers parmership, had been selected for the job. That decision, by a panel headed by Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, also brought charges of cronyism — Lord Rogers of River-side is a Labour colleague of the former Prime Minister in the Upper House.

Mr Michael has spoken to Lord Callaghan — his predecessor as MP for Cardiff South and Penarth - to inform him of the review. He is also to contact the rest of the panel.

The news was disclosed yesterday as Mr Michael launched his campaign to become leader of the Labour Party in Wales, and hence La-bour's candidate for the post of First Secretary. Last night it was clear that the Welsh Labour Party had failed to halt a contest for the post, and Mr Michael himself was ready to fight a "vigorous" campaign against Rhodri Morgan, Labour MP for Cardiff West and his main challenger.

: He hoped that any contest

Welsh assembly may sit in Cardiff City Hall instead of grandiose new

home, writes Valerie Elliott

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He has lost no time in stamp-

ing his mark on the Welsh Of-

fice - indeed he has been so

busy reviewing the work of

Mr Davies that he has not had

time to unpack his crates from

the Home Office, his previous

posting. Nor has he had time

"to sort things out with Mr Blair" about his future — how

long for example he might

stay on as Welsh Secretary if

to Mr Davies - and "no", he

had not yet discussed with

him a future role at the Welsh

assembly: the door is clearly

open, however, to Mr Davies.

that the talk of the election for

the Welsh Labour leadership

had been a distraction from

Mr Michael was anxious

Nor, indeed, had he spoken

he becomes First Secretary.

Michael with a clipboard".

could be conducted amicably - the two men are friends and entered the Commons together in 1987. Mr Michael made clear he would be happy to share a campaign platform with Mr Morgan — some-thing his predecessor as Welsh Secretary. Ron Davies, refused to do when he contested the post with him. "I think it is important that party members hear all the views, just as happened during the leadership elections for Tony Blair when he shared a platform with John Prescott and Margaret

During an interview with The Times yesterday Mr Michael's concerns about the building were clear. Plans were laid out on the coffee table, with papers with notes on costings and details of the corrtract. He had made no decision about the site and was "reviewing every option".

Beckett," Mr Michael said.

Mr Michael had just left the weekly Cabinet meeting and a private meeting with Mr Blair to discuss the party in Wales. Mr Michael is tackling a variety of tasks - but his priority is to show a steady hand at the Welsh Office. "In recent history there has been too much argument and diversion and I may well be seen as trying to

fice: the economy, health, education, and local government. He is reviewing plans to reor-ganise the health service and working with Stephen Byers, Chief Secretary to the Treasbe a calming influence in ury, and Nick Brown, the Agri-Welsh politics," he observed. culture Minister, to save farm-But Mr Michael is naturally ers from bankruptcy.

He is reviewing plans for the assembly itself, even for its opening. Talk of a "no frills" said that "the most terrilying ceremony were misguided, he said. "I don't know where you got the idea there was not go-ing to be much pomp. We should recognise this will be a momentous occasion."

But he wants the assembly itworkings than Westminster, and is determined that there should be a voice for youth.

Mr Michael believes he can present himself to the Welsh Labour Party as a man with experience of government and a unity candidate with roots in North Wales who has lived in the South for many years.

He resents the suggestion that he was "parachuted" into Wales by Mr Blair. 'This is my home, this is where we have brought up our children. Being Secretary of State for Wales has allowed me to re-



Michael, the new Welsh Secretary. may scrap plans for the £10m "Crystal Balls" Welsh

assembly

building



Downey says MPs went soft on Hamilton

By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

SIR GORDON DOWNEY, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, yesterday criticised MPs for going "soft" on Neil Hamilton, the former Tory MP. over the cash-for-questions

He also made clear he believed the public might expect much tougher punishment against MPs who breach parliamentary rules and even mooted a plan for MPs to commission an opinion poll about their

public standing.

But in a parting shot to mark his retirement his said he was disappointed that MPs on the standards and privileges committee "underestimated their capacity to reach a judgment" when there was compelling evidence that Mr Hamilton had accepted cash for lobbying from Mohammed Al Fayed, the chairman of Har-

He also said that when new bribery and corruption laws were introduced any MPs facing charges should be dealt with by the courts

and not by Parliament. He accepted that public censure alone was serious for MPs but suggested the range of punishments should be censure, apology, suspension and expulsion.

seven-year limit on investigations into past allega-tions, although this could he waived for serious misdemeanours such as bribery He said he believed the

He also called for a new

"the corrupting influence" of financial links between MPs and lobbyists had the cash-for-questions in-

He said the troubles had been largely down to MPs working for inrmer lobby company lan Greef Associates on behalf of Mr Al

But Sir Gordon also sug-gested that there may well have been other networks involving lobbyists and MP working on behalf of Lonrho and other organisations which never came to

Wilson 'framed former minister'

By Mark Inglefield, political reporter

THE spy writer Chapman Pincher has alleged that Harold Wilson ordered police to frame a former ministerial colleague on a kerb-crawling

In 1976 Lord Wigg, who had been Paymaster General in the Wilson Cabinet in the 1960s, was arrested at Marble Arch, London. Mr Pincher claims that Lord Wigg told him the arrest was made on instructions from the Prime Minister, with whom he had fallen out. Mr Pincher said that no prostitutes were called in the

years ago, may have had good reason to discredit Lord Wigg, who, in government, styled himself "Spymaster General", collecting salacious material on MPs and recording it in diaries, now held at the London School of Economics.

"He could find out about any minister and was able to indulge his prurient curiosity by probing the sexual peccadilloes of politicians," Mr Pincher writes in the Spectator. He also claims Lord Wigg had wanted to publish the story in his memoirs, but this

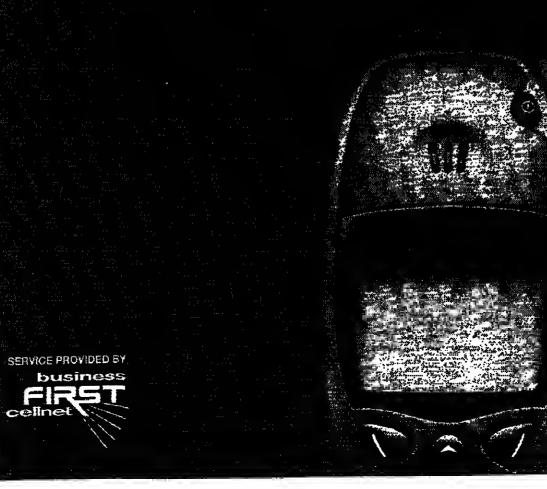


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DNA test may solve mystery of missing boy

Hair could identify Ben Needham, writes Stewart Tendler

DNA tests were being set up yesterday to establish whether a child seen in Greece is Ben Needham, who vanished there

seven years ago.

A hair from the child's head was brought back this sum-mer by a British tourist. John Cookson gave it to the Needham family, but scientists have only now been able to make use of it because of developments in DNA testing in recent months.

Yesterday South Yorkshire Police delivered a hair taken from Christine Needham, Ben's grandmother, to forensic scientists at a laboratory in Wetherby, Yorkshire. Police say that the tests may take some ome; they may not confirm whether the boy is Ben. but should make it easier to say if it is not.

Ben was 21 months old when he vanished in July 1991 while playing outside the farmhouse his grandparents were renovating on the island of

Mr Cookson saw the blondhaired boy playing on a beach at Rhodes, an island about 50 miles from Kos. He took video film of the boy and managed to obtain a single hair. Yesterday he said he was struck by the fact that the child was fair

while his parents and brother were dark-haired. He said the boy was known as "The Blond One" and seemed to act differ-

He said he thought the child lived in a nearby taverna and his brother was 17. Mr Cookson added that he had seen the boy on other visits to the island before deciding to gather

Yesterday Ben's mother, Kerry, said she had seen the film and understood why Mr

A video still of the blond boy who may be Ben

child's appearance. There were similarities, but the boy's mouth was different and his teeth were poor.

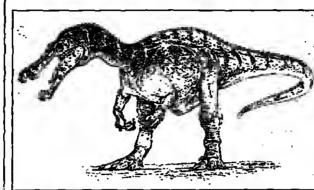
Ben's grandfather, Eddie Needham, said the family vere trying to remain calm. He said: "There bave been other sightings over the years, but it's no longer just a blond-haired boy on a beach. This time we've got something physical which will prove one way or another whether it's Ben." He added: "Looking at the video of this boy, there is certainly a family resemblance, especially about the way his hair

Ms Needham, 26, of Foxhill, Sheffield, said: "The next heartache we face is what to do if it is Ben. He was only a baby when he disappeared, now he will be nine years old. Whoev-er has got him will have had him a lot longer than I had him. He won't recognise me or know anything about us.
That is a harrowing deci-

sion that we may have to face: whether to leave him with his new family if he is happy and well cared for, or whether to bring him back with us. But I need to know if he is still alive and I will never rest

until he is found."

The University of Chicago team working on the site in the Sahara. In the foreground is a foot-long thumb claw from the skeleton



What Suchomimus tenerensis might have looked like

Desert skeleton forces rethink on crocodiles

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW crocodile-like dinosaur has been found in the deserts of Niger. Nearly 36ft long, the creature had long. narrow jaws filled with coneshaped teeth, a fin-like tail along its back, and large curved claws.

It belonged to a class of fisheating dinosaurs called spinosaurs, and lived 100 million years ago. The new species, described in Science by a team led by Paul Sereno, of the Uni-versity of Chicago, has been called Suchomimus tenerensis ffrom the Greek for crocodile. souchos. and the Tenere

Suchomimus is a close rela-

tion of Baryonur walkeri, one of the most complete dinosaur fossils found in Britain, and now in the Natural History Museum. Its close similarity poses a puzzle for the evolution of the spinosaurids. Before Suchomimus was

found, the spinosaurids had probably evolved independently in the northern and southern hemispheres, because the two found in the south were so different from Baryonyx, found in a Surrey

claypit.
This simple picture will now have to be rethought. The odds are, says Dr Sereno, that spinosaurids first appeared in

the north and then colonised that still linked the two halves of the super-continent PanBritish oresto in Ho

gaea as it began to break up.

Suchomimus probably fed on meat as well as fish. The shape of its teeth imply they were better at piercing and grasping than slicing. Other flesh-eating dinosaurs have serrated, blade-like teeth.

Spinosaurs have an unusual history, having been, as Thomas Holtz, of the University of Maryland puts it, "twice lost" - first when they became extinct, and later, when the only known specimen was

Rare orchids in danger as gardeners are locked out

BY AUDREY MAGEE IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A RARE collection of tiny tropical orchids is at risk of dying from neglect as gardeners at Ireland's botanic gardens have been locked out of work.

pended without pay four weeks ago, leaving a small group of managers and assistants to care for 20,000 plant species, including what is believed to be Europe's only colletion of four delicate orchids discovered in the jungle in Belize. Brendan Sayers, the orchid gardener, said: "I am the person who found them, cared for them, potted them and I know they are in danger. Nobody else knows how much water to give or when to dry them out. They are probably dead and it

is very, very distressing,"
Mr Sayers uncovered four
orchids previously unknown to Belize — Platystele minimi-flora, a 2cm translucent orchid with an orange lip; Planstele stenostachya var lankesteri, a 3cm translucent plant with a maroon lip: Pleurothallis peperomioides, a 2cm orchid with red flowers opening like a bird's beak, and Campy-

locentrum peopigii, a unusual

root orchid that produces white flowers.

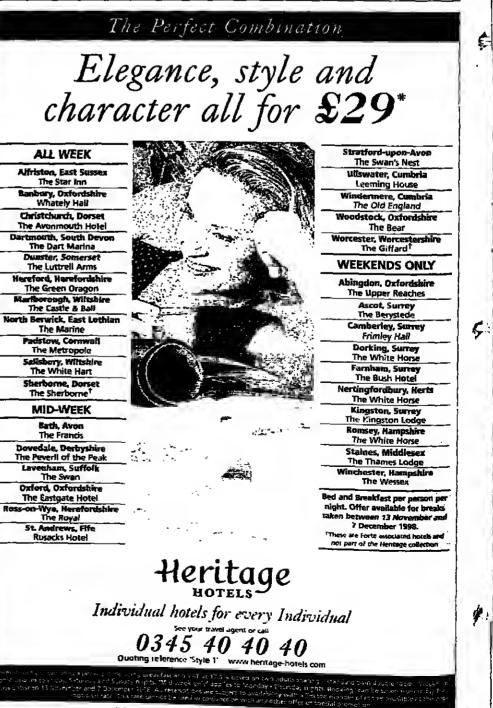
The dispute is over extra money for training student gardeners. The workers were suspended before they planted the garden's 250,000 beds for winter or the daffodils and tu-

beds. Donal Synnott, director of the gardens, insisted that the orchids and other plants were in good hands and in perfect health". He said: "It's winter time so there is not a lot to do and the curator is perfectly well able to look after the or-

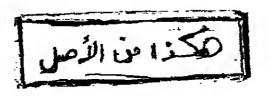
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THE TIMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13 1998 British bridges to restore links in Honduras A Reading company is stepping up production to meet

demand in the hurricane zone, David Adams writes

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Hundreds of miles of roads and 72 bridges were washed way by torrents of mud and vater in the aftermath of Huricane Mitch, leaving large parts of the country, including the capital, isolated. Road communications have been partialy restored where receding wars have allowed rivers to be orded by heavy vehicles and our-wheel drive cars.

But Honduras has no immediate solution to its bridge problem and is anxiously seck-

ing international help.
"They have asked every-body for Bailey bridges," said a British official, referring to he prefabricated steel structures which were patented in Britain before the Second World War, "We are trying to upport that request. We think this can be one of the best ways to channel the aid money coming into Honduras."

A learn from Mabey & Johnson, the Reading-based manu-facturers of Bailey bridges, has met Honduran officials and representatives from the World Bank and the British Embassy, in the hope of reaching a deal to supply its "rapid reaction bridge system".

The company has already instructed its factory in Chepstow to increase production in anticipation of large orders. This country needs a minimum of \$125 million (£78 millionl in bridges," said Jonathan Danos, sales director for Latin America. "We believe we have the answer.'

The Honduras Government estimates that it needs more than three miles of temporary bridge-building materials in order to restore road communications between its main towns. It has no time to even consider

long-term bridge projects.

Bailey bridges, which were widely used in Bosnia to help a war-damaged infrastructure, are suited to an emergency. Invented by Sir Donald Bailey in the late 1930s, they were designed to meet British military

specifications, in that they could be erected quickly, in the dark, by hand and under gunfire. Made from galvanised steel.

they consist of panels measuring loft by 71/sft that slot easily together. They have the added advantage of being easily as-sembled by military construction brigades that are familiar with the design. Honduras is no stranger itself to Bailey bridges, which were used in 1974 after Hurricane Fifi, the

country's last big storm.

Clinging for life: Even as international relief efforts were under way across Central America, several hundred people were still clinging to trees yesterday in flooded areas of Honduras, awaiting rescue. Some 1,200 people along the

remote Mosquito Coast of Honduras were still cut off by floods. Anibal Delgado, of the National Agrarian Institute, said. Among the people awaiting rescue, several hundred were perched on treetops to save themselves from the floods, he said, adding that rain and fog had stopped helicopters from reaching the area. (AFP)



A guard watches over a bus swept away by floods on the Choluteca river in Honduras

WORLD IN BRIEF

Monks let women see Goya frescoes

Madrid: For the first time in more than two centuries women have been allowed to view a series of seven frescoes painted by Goya in the closed Carthusian monastery of Aula Dei in Zaragoza, eastern Spain (Giles Tremlett writes). There were feminist demonstrations outside the monastery last year after the monks refused to lift the rule forbidding women from entering their spiritual sanctuary. A tunnel has now been constructed so that women can enter the frescoes room without walking through the monastery. Queen Sofia led a group of 500 women to see the works restored with public money.

Nuclear plant fears

Paris: Greenpeace, the environmental watchdog, claimed that the French nuclear reprocessing plant at La Hague was emitting "worrisome" levels of radioactive carbon. The group said an analysis of grass and leaves surrounding the plant showed concentrations of carbon-14 that are two to seven times greater than normal levels, adding: "It is clear that the entire area surrounding La Hague, especially the part downwind from the plant, is seriously contaminated." (AP)

OJ in TV custody plea

Los Angeles: Facing a custody battle for his children. O.J. Simpson telephoned a television news station and pleaded his case for an hour on the airwaves (Giles Whittell writes). He insisted in the impromptu interview that he was a good father who did not kill his wife and deserved to be left alone with his children. When asked why his blood was found by the murdered bodies of their mother and a friend he hung up.

Cod and ships

Oslo: The Norwegian Navy's submarine corps has run into an unexpected problem - lovesick fish. Teeming schools of passionate cod, in the midst of a frenzied mating season, make so much noise that the submarines' sonar cannot hear anything else, making it almost impossible to navigate in the waters of the Norwegian Sea, according to a defence study. The cod grunt repeatedly to attract potential mates. (AP)

Prescott's global warning

Buenos Aires: The death and destruction of Hurricane Mitch, the forest fires in Indonesia and the floods in China are warnings "the world ignores at its peril",
John Prescott said yester
day (Nick Nuttall writes).

As global climate talks in Argentina move into the final phase, the Deputy Prime Minister told ministers and officials from 169 countries that "sympathy alone will not prevent such

Io a veiled attack on some sections of United States industry, lobbying hard to stall any deal here, be said: "Let us hear no more doubts about the science of climate change, especially when those doubts

are an excuse for inaction." In an historic deal a year ago in Japan, industrialised nations agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In Buenos Aires, they are trying to agree how these cuts are to be made.

Briton is kidnapped in Nigeria

A BRITON was among seven people kidnapped by militant Nigerian youths from an oil rig in the delta region, as a shutdown in the flow of oil from foreign-owned units en-tered its 38th day (Michael Binvon writes).

The seven foreign nationals also included a Croatian, an Italian, a South African and three Americans. They were kidnapped on Wednesday, together with a Nigerian, while working for Texaco and other ing on a Texaco-owned offshore rig in Bayelsa state.

The Briton's name has not been released. The Foreign Office said it was following up the reports and had offered consular help. But in many kidnapping cases, foreign oil companies free the hostages by swift payment of a ransom. There has been an upsurge

in the oil-producing region.

of violence in the delta as youths have gone on the rampage, demanding a clean-up of the environment and more spending and social amenities

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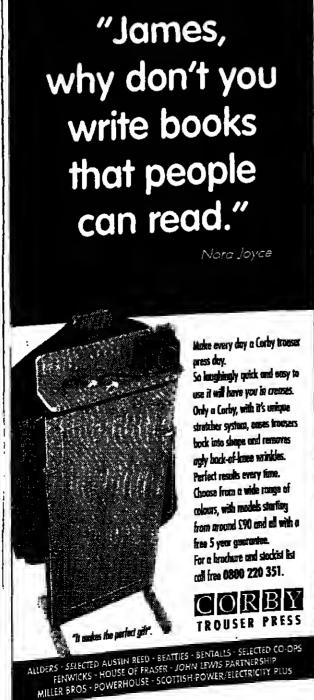
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QUOTE OF THE DAY FROM CORBY



More than 80 hurt in Jakarta student riots

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VIOLENCE broke out in the Indonesian capital for a second day yesterday as the military fired teargas, water cannon and blanks in an effort to prevent thousands of student demonstrators from marching on parliament.

Some reports said that as many as 83 people had been in-jured, 15 of them critically. Soldiers dressed in riot gear

also fired rubber bullets and used bamboo canes to beat students protesting against the holding of a special session of the People's Consultative Assembly (MPR). Troops fired over the heads of students leading similar demonstrations on Wednesday. They beat three Indonesian journalists and a

Tens of thousands of demon-

late into the evening in a tense stand-off with hundreds of soldiers at two locations in Jakarta. The students — dressed in yellow and blue university - locked arms, sang songs and chanted slogans less than a yard from the military line up

reform.

to step down.

students are the voice of the

people," said one protester.

Amien Rais, the opposition party leader — who led dozens of rallies that helped bring down Mr Suharto — said he wanted to wait until the end of the MPR session today before

the MPR session today before

deciding if he will encourage his supporters to join the dem-

onstrations to put "pressure"

in the streets or meeting face to

ace with the leaders of the

General Wiranto, the head

Whether by sending people

on the Government.

The MPR, Indonesia's highest legislative body, is meeting to pass legislation on political structures ahead of parliamen-tary and presidential elections next year.
It is the first time that the

1,000-member body has met since it re-elected former Presideni Suharto to his seventh consecutive five-year term last May, Mr Suharto was forced to resign two months later when anti-government protests degenerated into riots that left more than 1,200 people dead.

But student protesters and opposition leaders say that be-

MPR, or by doing something else, I do not know yet," Mr cause the Assembly is made Rais said. of the Indonesian Armed Forces, promised that soldiers in-

volved in Wednesday's beatings of journalists and demonstrators would be punished. The MPR agenda yesterday included limiting the President to two terms and investigating the personal wealth of

Mr Suharto and his family. Students also want the military kicked out of parliament, where it holds 75 seats.

The Assembly has decided to work towards phasing out the military from parliament over five years, a ruling party faction leader said.



Settler

By Christopher Walker IN JERUSALEM

up of delegates left over from the Suharto regime, it is not a valid forum to discuss political LESS than 24 hours after the Cabinet ratified the new peace They also want President Habibie, who was the Vice-President under Mr Suharto. deal with the Palestinians, Israel yesterday published de-layed tenders for building more than 1,000 homes for "Habibie is the product of Jews at the disputed settlethe Suharto regime. We know that Habible is no good. The ment site of Har Homa in annexed east Jerusalem.

The move prompted a furi-ous reaction from Palestinians who said it violated the peace accords and demanded that the US, which brokered last month's hard-won Wye deal. should once again intervene.

Hassan Asfour, a leading Palestinian negotiator, said it showed that Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, was more interested in placating Jewish settlers and hardliners opposed to trading land for peace than pursuing his new obligations under the Wye accord.
"If the Israeli side continues

in this way, it means that they want to lead the relationship with the Palestinians to con-

frontation," he added.

It was Mr Netanyahu's decision to send buildozers to begin building the infrastructure at Har Homa that triggered the 19-month halt in peace ne-gotiations ended by the agreement at Wye.

Last night there were signs that even some on the Israeli Right opposed the move. Zvi Hendel, one of a number of Knesset members from the National Religious Party, claimed it was "a bid to appease the Right that would not succeed".

Mr Hendel is one of a number of the Prime Minister's former backers who have vowed to overthrow him be-

cause of the Wye agreement. Ehud Barak, leader of the main opposition Labour Party, said publishing the tender at such a delicate moment was nothing more than political compensation for those on the Right who oppose the Wye

Mr Netanyahu has consistently argued that, as Har Homa is part of Jerusalem. claimed as Israel's "eternal and indivisible" capital, it is not a new Jewish settlement. but merely a new building scheme needed to house a population overflow.

Criticism of the Har Homa cheme by Robin Cook, Britain's Foreign Secretary, led to his first official visit to the country ending in a diplomatic part of China. Although they were caught on the mainland. many of the suspects were Hong Kong residents and most of their crimes were com-

the legal system is more transparent and where they would not face the death penalty.

ritory must respect China's legal procedures.

lawyer, called it the death of the one-country, two-systems formula - the guarantee of autonomy given when Hong Kong was returned to China last year. He attacked the Hong Kong Government for failing to monitor the trial closely and said he would call on the British Government for help in his battle to bring

Brittan in plea to stop stalling on euro

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FROM CHARLES BREMNEE IN BRUSSELS

THE British Government should stop wavering over en-try to the European single cur-rency and immediately stat: preparing the country for the euro, Sir Leon Brittan, Vic-President of the EU Commission, will say today.
Britain had wasted a value-

ble opportunity to shape the fiture of monetary union and Tony Blair's Government, athough favourable towards the euro, could not stand asite and "expect others to do is spade work for it", according to the former Tory Cabinet minister and strong supporter of British euro membership. Ministers had given conflid-

ing signals over the past week on when or if Britain joined the currency. This is sense-less political zig-zaggirg which neither clarifies the Gorernment's own position nor helps to encourage a bolder or more forward-looking asproach," Sir Leon will tell an audience in Leeds. "The time for leadership is now. Further delay will neither make the Government's own job any easier, nor would it serve the best interests of the country."

Sir Leon, who is to retire from the Commission at the end of next year, has been waging an increasingly outspoken campaign to alert the British political world to what he sees as the folly of Britain staying outside a project that will bring substantial economic gain to Europe.

Santer successor: Oskar La-

fontaine. Germany's powerful new Finance Minister, was at the centre of a flurry of reports yesterday of a Franco-German manoeuvre to put a Germaniat the head of the European Commission and a Frenchman in a powerful new post as

the EU's "foreign minister". The office of Gerhard Schrö der, the Chancellor, denled German media reports that Bonn was lobbying for Herr Lafontaine, who is also president of the Social Democrat Party, to succeed Jacques Santer as head of the Commission when his term ends in Decem ber next year.

Herr Lafontaine himself joked: "Rumours are always rumours. In fact, I'm interested in the Pope's job." Diploflurry, started by a report in Die Zeit, was an attempt by Herr Schröder's camp to undermine his leading rival.



Cheung Tze-keung, the Hong Kong gangster sentenced to death in south China

Beijing sentences gangsters from Hong Kong to death

A HONG KONG gang lead-er and four associates have been sentenced to death by a court in Canton, southChina,

Cheung Tze-keung, known as Big Spender because of his fast cars and gambling, was: convicted of armed robbery. smuggling explosives and kidnappings, including the abduction of the son of Li Ka-shing, a Hong Kong property billionaire. Almost 30 other gang members, also

found guilty, were jailed. The verdict has raised concern in Hong Kong about the independence of its legal sys-

mitted in the former colony. Despite pleas from relatives, the Hong Kong Government refused to ask the mainland for the return of the men for trial in the territory, where

Kong's Chief Executive, defended the decision, saying the suspects had also violated But Ivan Tang, a defence

Pressure is growing for the territory to have a formal arrangement with Beijing for

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Protesters flee as a riot policeman fires his gun while

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Poppy tribute in Spain for 'man who

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

FOR the first time since his death, poppies were yesterday lying at the foot of a gravestone bearing the real name of one of the Second World War's most mysterious heroes, popularly known as "The Man Who Never Was".

The poppies were lying in the Ceme-tery of Solitude in Huelva, southwest Spain, by the stone that now bears the name of Glendwyr Michael, a Welsh down-and-out whose body was used in one of the war's most brilliant espionage operations. His name was added

to the stone earlier this year after declassified war documents divulged the identity of a man German agents believed to be a drowned Royal Marines intelligence officer named Major William Martin.

False papers placed on his body fooled Hitler into thinking that the Al-lies would not invade Sicily in July

For 40 years the gravestone in Huelva has borne William Martin's name. Now the inscription reads: "Glendwyr Michael, served as Major William Martin RM."

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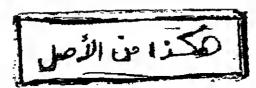
Huelva whose family has tended the grave for the past 40 years, laid paper poppies and red carnations in memory of the man whose body was dumped off the Spanish coast by a Royal Navy

submarine in April 1943.
Glendwyr Michael was chosen for his mission after he ate rat poison and died, aged 34, of a liver complaint in a London hospital. The cause of death was considered sufficiently similar to drowning to fool German spies operating in southern Spain.

His body was dressed in the uniform of a Royal Marines major and a briefcase full of false documents was chained to his wrist. Personal photographs and letters were also added. The documents quickly found their way into the hands of German agents who believed "Major Martin" had drowned after his aircraft crashed off Spain while returning from North Africa. The documents eventually con-vinced Hitler to move troops from east-

ern Sicily to Sardinia. Churchill was so proud of the opera-tion, codenamed "Mincemeat", that he personally broke an embargo on secre information so the story could be made public. It was turned into the film The Man Who Never Was in 1955.





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'Jackal' demands a death for each day in jail

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

AFTER more than a week on nunger strike, the convicted perrorist Carlos the Jackal has written a will in which he calls on fellow guerrillas to murder one American or Zionist" for every day he has spent in jail in France.

Venezuelan-born Carlos. real name Illich Ramirez Sánchez, was sentenced to life imprisonment in December for the murder of two French secret agents in 1975.

He claims to have started a hunger strike on November 3. refusing both food and liquids. in protest over his prison treatment. He says he is being prevented from seeing visitors. his mail is opened and he has not been allowed to take French language courses.
The jailed terrorist's lawyers

say that he is prepared to "fast to death" - he has lost 17lb in six days -- but doctors at La Santé prison reportedly believe he is faking his hunger strike. Last night he had be-gin drinking water again. His lawyers said it was so he ould not be sent to hospital.

In a will addressed to "the lalestinian Mujahidin" and istributed through his lawer, Carlos declared: "I ask as ny last wish as a living nartyr that an enemy Ameri-an or Zionist be executed for every day that I have spent in prison in France . . . this is the duty of my comrades, of all the mujahidin and all the world's



Carlos: would like to be Saddam's foot soldier

revolutionaries." Carlos, 49, who also waxed lyrical about "France, eternal France" in his will, was captured by Suda-nese security agents in Khar-toum in 1994.

In a barrage of publicity linked to his strike, the notoriously self-aggrandising terrorist gave a newspaper interview in which he said he would be proud to fight for Saddam Hussein. He told the tabloid France-Soir that Iraq's President had "committed terrible strategic mistakes", but "remains the last Arab knight. I would be proud to fight under his command as a simple foot soldier against the United States and Israel," he said.

He also wished good luck to Osama bin Laden, the Saudi millionaire indicted by an American federal court over the August bombings of two US Embassies in East Africa which killed 224 people. "Our paths have been different but we have the same enemy and I wish him [Bin Laden] the greatest success possible in his

A converted Muslim, Carlos told the paper he believed cornmunism would be "a paradise on earth" and described himself as a "professional revolutionary".He added that he is preparing to die in prison, and he has spent this week writing his memoirs (to be published in 20 years' time) and firing off increasingly strange missives, including one to a dead Palestinian guerrilla and former comrade in arms, in which he said that he hoped they would soon be playing table-tennis together in heaven, "when you rill beat me, as usual".

He complains that he is althan the prison hairdresser, and so he passes the time in his cell writing letters to politicians and reading international newspapers. He is a reg-ular reader of *The Times*, he said, thus somewhat undermining claims to have been cut off from the outside world.

Should he survive his huner strike, Carlos is unlikely to fight again: in addition to his life sentence, he is being investigated for bomb attacks and other terrorist offences.

Buddy in dog house after bite

Washington: Buddy. the First Pooch, is in the dog house after sinking his teeth into the hand of President Clinton's helicopter pilot. The bite has led animal experts to claim he is suffering from stress (Damian Whit-

worth writes).
The White House admitted that Major John Faircloth required a couple of stitches after the incident, during a Camp David game of ball. But a spokesman insisted it was an accident. "They both kind of went for the ball at the same time." Buddy was not disciplined.

But Roger Caras, of the American Society for the Pre-vention of Cruelty to Ani-mals, said Buddy was probably troubled. "Dogs are emo-tional sponges. Buddy's behaviour is reflecting the tensions of his master."
The 14-month-old dog has

been bad news for Socks, the First Cat. After an archbacked confrontation when Mr Clinton tried to introduce them, Socks "spends most of his time asleep in the laundry room these days", said a White House insider.



Buddy with President Clinton and his daughter, Chelsea. He has not been disciplined

Lewinsky hiding from public gaze

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

AS A nation waits to hear her voice, rare sightings of Monica Lewinsky have revealed a life spent trying to hide from the world while deciding how best to make her grand entrance into its living rooms.

Physically transformed —

her famously voluptuous figure is now distinctly heavy the most notorious woman in America has cut a sad figure, holed up in a New York hotel as she awaits word on deals for a television confessional. Since she slipped in and out of the federal courthouse in

Washington to make her appearance before the Grand Jury in the summer, the President's former paramour has been seldom spotted.

After leaving her flat in the notorious Watergate building in Washington -- having apologised to the neighbours for the inconvenience she had caused — she has apparently been dividing her time between Los Angeles, where she grew up and where her father still lives, and New York, her mother's home.

Having apparently ballooned to more than 12 stone. she has been unkindly nick-named "Portly Pepperpor"



Lewinsky: in New York with her mother

and "Zeppelin" by American tabloids, which have run col-umns of advice from diet experts. Recordings of Ms Lewinsky's conversations with her erstwhile friend, Linda Tripp, are expected to be released by the House Judiciary Committee any day - intensi-fying the race to clinch a first

television interview.

Ms Lewinsky, believed to face a legal bill of around \$2 million (£1.2 million), is in talks with Channel 4, which is understood to be prepared to pay £400,000 for an interview.

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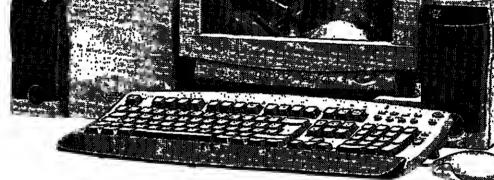
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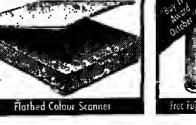
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UN spies losing battle with Baghdad



Ritter: inspection tactics

Weapons inspectors uncovered much of Saddam's arsenal but now have little power, writes James Bone in New York

THE United Nations Special Commission was once a swashbuckling band of former soldiers, spies and scientists whose cloak-and-dagger tactics unearthed the most fearsome secrets of Iraq's arsenal of mass destruction. Those heady days, howev-

er. are long gone.
For months, and some would say years, this unprecedented UN spy agency has been eaten away by a With all its staff now evacuated

from Baghdad, a bombing raid on Iraq could spell its imminent de-mise. The only consolation for supporters such as Britain and the United States is that nobody imagined

the agency would last so long. Established by the UN's ceasefire resolution at the end of the Gulf War in 1991, Unscom was meant to complete its main business in about three months. The resolution required Iraq to declare all its nuclear, ological and chemical weapons,

just 15 days. Baghdad was meant to surrender them within 90 days. Although multinational in charac-

ter, the key posts went to the coalioon leaders, the British and Americans, or to personnel from other countries that they trusted. The first Unscom chairman was Swedish and the current head is Australian, but an American always served as

the second-in-command.
The UN likes to boast that its inspections destroyed many times more Iraqi weaponry than the thousands of bombing sorties flown during the Gulf War. Its accomplish-ments are indeed remarkable: the inspectors found the 150ft "Supergun" built, with British parts, up a hillside in the Iraqi desert, pointing at Tel Aviv. They destroyed about 40,000 chemical weapons at an incinerator at Iraq's main chemical weapons installation, Muthanna. They have dismantled Iraq's nuclear weapons programme, and ac-counted for 817 of Iraq's 819 Scud

Nevertheless, much business remains undone. Unscom's discover-ies forced Baghdad into admitting that it had produced enough biological agent to kill the whole population of the world four times over. But Unscom has never found any biological weaponry intact, even though it suspects that Saddam still has a biological arsenal.

IRAQ: THE TARGETS AND THE FORCES

peared to run aground in the face of Iraqi intransigence. But the injection of intelligence from Israel gave the inspectors a second wind.

By early 1996, however, Iraq was again blocking the biological investigation and Unscom's attendon turned to the "concealment inspections" devised by a former US Marine intelligence officer, Scott Ritter. Mr Ritter's inspections proved predictably provocative. Iraq pressured Rolf Ekeus, then head of Unscom, to agree to ground rules for access to sites deemed "sensitive" by Iraq. When the inspections continued, Iraq balked. In October 1997 it expelled American UN inspectors.

Although Mr Ritter was deter-

mined to continue, the United States

pulled the rug out from under his feet. On at least six occasions, from last November. Washington intevened to block a Ritter inspection of as not to provoke a new stand-off.

The deal negotiated by Kofi Arnan, the UN Secretary-General, in February, placed fresh restrictions on inspections of eight presidential sites. Even so, Mr Ritter travelled Baghdad in August, ostensibly a part of an Unscom negotiating tear with secret orders to mount two nels surprise inspections.

Sandy Berger, the US National S curity Adviser, saw Mr Ritter 5 Baghdad on CNN and demander that he be confined immediately to UN premises. On his return home Mr Ritter resigned.

US abandons strategy of surgical strikes

By Michael Evans. DEFENCE EDITOR

THE Pentagon has drawn up a list of 250 targets in Iraq for military strikes, including facilities considered to be crucial to President Saddam Hussein's survival as leader.

The comprehensive content of the target plan underlines the switch in strategy that Washington has now adopted. President Clinton and his secunity advisers are clearly convinced that Tomahawk cruise missile raids are not enough to bring the Iraqi leader to heel.

The build-up of forces in the Gulf region, the dispatching of B52s to the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia and the readiness of the B2 stealth bombers at their base in Missouri to participate in an air campaign have given the clear-est signal to Baghdad that this time the raids will be punitive and on a large scale.

There were signs yesterday of Republican Guard units dispersing from their barracks. indicating that Saddam is taking seriously the warnings from Mr Clinton of airstrikes

unless he backs down soon. However, the United States and Britain. Washington's principal supporter, will have to ensure that the air raids do not cause extensive collateral damage for fear of providing Saddam with propaganda material. If American and British

bombs and missiles cause civilian deaths, the purpose of the airstrikes will be undermined

Paul Beaver of Jane's Information Group said: "At the moment the Gulf states are on

Some of the expected targets on the list are in residential areas where even precisionguided bombs could easily miss their mark and cause civ-

These targets include the Special Security Service headquarters in Palestine Street in Baghdad. The service, which is responsible for protecting Saddam from assassins, also has premises near the al-Rashid hotel in Baghdad where journalists and foreign businessmen usually stay. The rebuilt Ministry of Defence in the capital is also likely to be on the target list.

TARGETS

board but a lot of collateral damage could make it difficult for them to maintain their sup-

ilian casualties.

One of the challenges for American military planners is that many of the suspected biological warfare laboratories are in populated areas and are seemingly medical facilities. United Nations inspectors visited 79 suspected biological weapons production facilities. But some were producing vac-

and Saddam will gain sympathy from the Arab world.

port for Washington."

ment that could be used for making biological weapons. Other likely targets include Republican Guard headquarters at Radwaniya, Ar Ra-

birthplace.

The list of 250 targets is

thought to include 45 presidential palaces where it is suspected Saddam is concealing bio-

logical and chemical weapons oping and storing anthrax, VX nerve gas, mustard gas, botulinum toxin, sarin nerve agent, "Agent 15" nerve gas and cya-nide — is still active. British in-

ological warfare agents and has concealed them in small quandoes at secret sites around Iraq. The Iraqi leader also has a small number of

days.

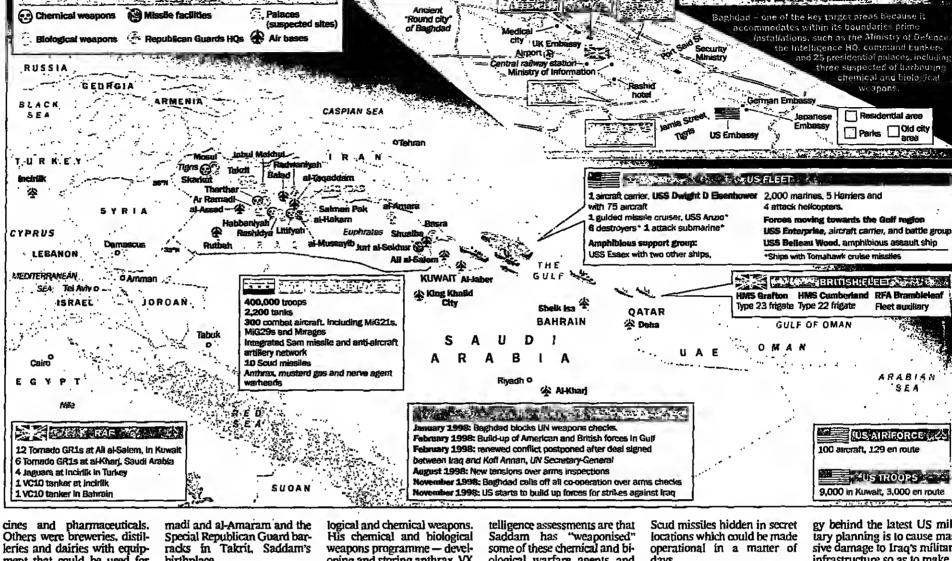
Even a long-running air campaign will never eliminate all the stocks of biological weapons. However, the strate-

gy behind the latest US miltary planning is to cause masive damage to Iraq's militar infrastructure so as to make t difficult for Saddam to moun any form of meaningful retalation, and to cause lastire damage to his power base.

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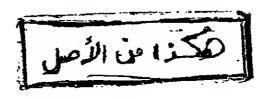
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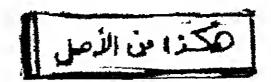
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Tourists head home as Israelis fear gas attack

HUNDREDS of British holi-daymakers were yesterday in the vanguard of what could become a mass tourist evacuation from Israel after the Foreign Office issued a warning against non-essential travel in case of Iraqi remliation for attacks on Baghdad.

At the same time, the Israeli Army's Home Front Com-mand opened 66 centres to distribute new and replacement gas masks and ano-chemical warfare kits to Israeli citizens. These will be open round-theclock as long as the stand-off with I raq continues.

The Israeli authorides insisted that there was no shortage of masks although during the last crisis, in February, foreign nationals — especially tourists - found it difficult to obtain any. In any case, their protecdon value is doubled by many

military experts.

Israel Radio reported that Thomson, the British travel operator, had hired 15 coaches to ferry 600 holidaymakers Ovda airport near the Red Sea

Travel firms respond to Foreign Office fears of Iraqi retaliation, reports Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

resort of Eilat, where four aircraft were on hand to fly them to Garwick, Luton and Manchester airports. Hundreds more are expected to be flown home today as holiday firms rethink plans to send thou-sands of tourists to the Middle East in the Christmas run-up.

The crisis move instilled a mood of panic among some holidaymakers who were told that if they stayed on, they would have to make their own way back to Britain. An Israeli hairdresser whose elderly aunt had just arrived from Manchester, said: "She felt that she had no alternative but to get out as quickly as possi-. She would have been wor-

ried stiff had she stayed oo." A Thomson spokeswoman said the evacuadon was to avoid exposing holidaymakers to "unnecessary risk". She added: "Ovda is a military airport. If Israel came under fire, or at-

tack, it would be closed and we would not be able to get cus-tomers out." Thomson announced a helpline - 0161 911 8454 - and Sumworld, which is bringing home its 59 customers in Israel, has information on 0990 134906.

The Foreign Office advice. which came after a similar cau-ion from the US State Department, told Britons: "We advise against all non-essential travel to Israel and the Occupied Territories (West Bank, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights)."

The message's urgency was said by diplomats to reflect official belief that the first strike on Iraq is imminent. It also said that all British nadonals in Israel and the Occupied Territories "may wish to consider their own plans". British sources estimated that in any month there are about 30,000 Bridsh passport holders in Israel, but an official said it was hard to

Palestinian leader who sup-ported Iraq in the 1991 Gulf War, told The Jerusalem Post: "I hope and urge that there will not be an attack against estimate how many were holi-Iraq. Peace in the Middle East daymakers and how many Iswill be negatively affected." raeli dual-naoonals travelling Despite opening gas mask

on British passports.

In Tel Aviv, 400 British resi-

dents are registered with the embassy. The advice conclud-

ed: "We are not advising

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templating travelling to the

area in the near future should stay in touch with develop-

ments and take sensible pre-

cautions. They are strongly advised to register with the

nearest British Embassy im-mediately on arrival."

The wording reflected diplo-matic fears that if American

and British attacks begin in

earnest, there could be a

groundswell of and-American

and anti-British feeling on the

streets of Arab cities which

could explode into violence

against property or citizens. Yesterday Yassir Arafat, the

centres, the Israeli Government tried to play down the likelihood of revenge Scud missile attacks against the Jewish State. "We feel that the chances of any kind of attack are ... close to zero, but as long as there is any possibility at all, we have to be prepared," said David Bar-Illan, Communications Director for the

Prime Minister's Office. Binyamin Netanyahu met his top security ministers yes terday 10 discuss Israeli readiness for a possible US strike that might trigger retaliation. Asked how Israel, which held its fire under US pressure in 1991, would respond this ome, the Prime Minister said: "I think Israel can defend itself, and will if necessary."

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Aziz fires first in soundbite war on satellite TV

By Bronwen Maddox in WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU

IN NICOSIA IRAQ yesterday defiantly lambasted the United States for its military build-up, provoking an immediate hard-line retort from Washington that there was no room for negotiation. and that an attack would

inflict "significant" damage. The extraordinary exchange of "diplomacy by television". with furious insults beamed into each Government's inner chambers by satellite news media, revealed a lack of desire to compromise on either side.

In a fluent 20-minute tirade. delivered in faultless English to ranks of television cameras in Baghdad, Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, accused the US of "killing the Iraqi people" through economic sanctions. He said Iraqis had "no fear" of dying m a US at-tack because the United Na-dons-imposed oil embargo

was killing them anyway. Mr Aziz accused the Unscom arms inspection unit of being "a subsidiary of the CIA and Mossad" (Israeli intelligence), as well as hitting out at "Anglo-Saxon so-called experts" at the UN.

While his speech represented no change in the Government's position, coming a day after President Clinton ordered an acceleration of the military build-up in the area. the language was markedly harsher than previously.

The White House, watching intently on relevision, responded within five minutes by declaring that Mr Aziz's outburst

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was the sound of "a lone voice that is completely isolated". In a diplomatic breakthrough for the Clinton Administracion, a range of Western and Arab countries yesterday broke their silence to condemn Iraq's refusal to co-operate with UN arms inspectors.

That marks a significant change from earlier tension in February, when the US conspicuously lacked support internationally or at home.

James Rubin, a State Department spokesman, said that "no amount of polemic or attempt to shift blame is going to change the fact that the whole world is placing responsibility for an attack on Iraq's doors to?" doorstep".

William Cohen, the Defence Secretary, warned Iraq yesterday that any military strikes would be "significant".

The US forged ahead with its military build-up. A dozen B52 bombers and a dozen F117 stealth fighters left yesterday. But it will take nearly two weeks before forces in the Gulf are at the level of March, when the US and Iraq last came to the brink of war.

Ordinary Iraqis were re-signed to impending attack. "They feel utterly impotent," said an Asian diplomat in Baghdad.

On the one hand they can't do anything to get rid of their leader and on the other America is determined to keep sancoons. Their main priority is ensuring the gains they have got from the oil-for-food deal are not destroyed.



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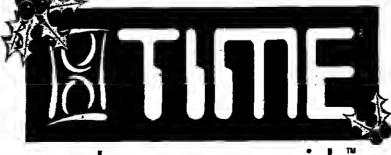
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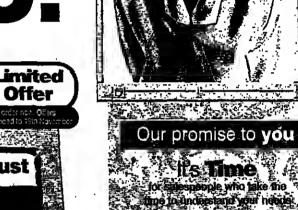
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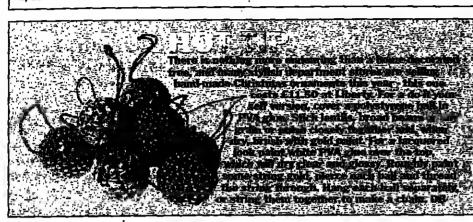
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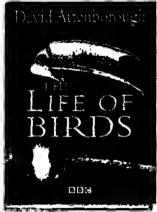


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hristmas comes but once a year and, when it comes, it invariably finds me in a state of hopeless disorder. I don't know how it happens one minute the interminable Sundays in Trinity are trun-dling past and the next it is the middle of December, there are ten shopping days until Christmas and I am in a state of simmering panic in which I re-main until January 6.

This time, I have sworn to myself that things will be different. Instead of complaining about the wave of commercial ho-ho-ery that begins creeping across the country as soon as the clocks go back - already there are Christmas trees lashed to the façades in Regent Street and outbreaks of seasonal lingerie in the chain stores 1 am going to join it. This year, when the moment comes to open the first window of the Advent calendar (which I shall, naturally, have hand-painted myself and mounted in an artistic frame of gold-sprayed fir cones and assorted dried fruit), my forward plan-ning will be formidable

enough to make Martha Stewart herself stretch her eyes in admiration. I shall begin with the Christmas decorations. We are great ones in our family for those special little Christmas traditions. A high point of the celebrations when we were small was the thrilling moment when, standing well back, my sister and I would wait for the cheerful pop and sizzle of ancient wiring as father threw the Bakelite switch on the fairylights. And then there were the ornaments. Distressed, I suppose you would call them now battered angels with tarnished wings, glass birds with needle-sharp spun-glass tails, fragments of which would embed themselves in our little

fingers . . . Naturally, when my son was born, I did my best to reproduce these unforgettable. childish Christmases. We have an imposing collection of rickety wooden Santas of Eastern European origin, a set of lights whose replacement

safe that I cannot recall it, a flock of robins in various stages of mange, and a fairy whose ribald state of dishevelment suggests that she has been at the sloe gin. I am fond of my Hogarthian collection of fes-tive accessories. They have a seedy and mildly villainous presence which acts as a bracing antidote to the general Christmas Schwärmerei, Still, I can see that there is some potential for updating, so we set off for the Fulham Road to see what the well-dressed Christ-

mas tree is wearing this year. At the Conran Shop my son took a fancy to a glass locomotive and carriages, £6. I had been thinking more of Snow Queen icicles than the 6.25 to Beckenham, but was deflected from my plans by some papier mache animals — little blue

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elephants or red birds with gold spots at £1.95 each. Glitter-wire birds are £2.75, glass fruit, £1.25, and cheerful Mexican tin vegetables, £1.75. Alex-ander and I were very taken with crackers made out of maps - the London A-Z. the Paris Periphérique, and so on with compasses stuck to them, £22.95.

Farther up the Fulham Road, Jerry's Home Store has drums of glass baubles decorated with the Union Flag. £14.95. Traditional silver met-al candle clips are £5.95 for 20. candles are £3.95 for 20 and

packets of "snow" are £2.50.
Glitter-haters should head for the Shaker Shop, where, among a slightly twee collection, are some real finds, particularly the hand-carved white doves, £9.95, and angels. £19.95, the silver birch-bark decorations in heart, tree and star shapes, £14.95 for five, and a set of four miniature' knined Christmas stockings, £25.95. The General Trading

Byzantium range is more dull glow than brash sparkle, Beaded fruit (E7.50 for a set of apple, pear and pomegranate) and gold or silver beaded tas-sels, £3.95, are especially hand-

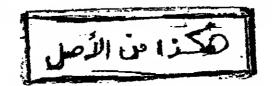
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For quirky, shoestring ele-gance, Bhs is unexpectedly brilliant, with 9ft garlands of little gold musical instruments or iridescent icicles, £2, gold twig "cages" with a gold ball inside, £2.50, and plump crystal cherubs playing musical in-struments, E2. You get a very nice class of cherub at the National Gallery, where a stencil of a Guido Reni putto or a Simon Marmion angel is ElO, and an Advent calendar Posy Simmonds with a cloud of naked putti flitting about the gallery is £5.

But if the very thought of Christmas makes you want to go and lie down in a darkened room, the answer is probably a visit to Selfridge's Christmas Hall, where, if you want, they will do the whole tree for you. It was strangely quiet when I room is filled with about a dozen trees, decorated in every imaginable style, from cheerfully childish, with Santa baubles, £1.49, a glitter star, £4.99, and a stripy tin cat, £2.49, through artless rustic, with feather robins, 79p, holly-berry baubles, £2.49, and spotty ass toadstools, £2.49, to frightfully tasteful, with gar-lands of gold pears, £8.99, and Grinling Gibbons gilt bows. £2.49, and completely over the top — a battery-powered mirror disco ball is £59.99.

f you are really idle you can buy a ready-decorated tree from about £700. but I spent a happy half hour pottering among the Tiff-any-style malachite baubles, the bunches of pink crystal grapes and the real feather pheasants. At the end of it all an engagingly laid-back sales assistant somehow charmed me into wrapping up my own sleigh bells while he got on with reminiscing about his childhood Christmases in Australia. It was the jolliest bit of Christmas shopping I think I've ever done.







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Vile bodies at my local swimming pool

till keeping up with the daily swim? Yes, thut daily swim, the one you promised to take when you realised, as you were floating in the Mediterranean three months ago. (a) whal a pleasant way swimming is to exercise, and (b) how, now that your waist extends far enough to shield your shoes from all but the most horizontal rainfall, it might be smart to get trim before you be-come technically fat (defined as 'Iwo stones heavier than whatever you weigh now").

This is why so many of us return from our holiday and immediately join a local gym with a pool. A few of us are so besomed by nur new hobby that we even get around to swimming in the pool before our £900 annual membership expires. But the reason that most of us don't is that it dawns on us that spending several hours doing

cause "the lash and sting" of the sea's surf triggered erotic memories of the flogglings he enjoyed at Eton. But other schoolboys have always needed persuading of the charms of swimming. That's why your swimming leacher always had to bribe you by giving you stripes and badges for your mother to sew on to your trunks. You could serve ten aces in a row on the tennis court and they still never gave you a green ribbon to sew on to your shorts. But swim six yards across a pool and the teacher would be straight on the phone organising a congratulatory tele-

gram from Buckingham Palace. By the time your trunks had more coloured stripes than a Bridget Riley painting, you could swim as far as you liked, for as long as

breaststroke is not a natural pur-suit for human beings.

Swinburne took to the ocean beSwinburne took to the ocean befoolish, so you just turn around and come back again. You never know when you're finished. It's only when you're eveing your fellow swimmers on your way back to the changing rooms that you realise what swimming could do for your physique.
You suddenly notice that most

people at public pools look so misshapen that aliens would assume that swimming baths were scientific research facilities where biologists experimented with human body forms, many of them based directly on Vanessa Feltz. (Pamela Anderson looked like that in Baywatch only because she never actually stepped into the water.) When they tell you that swimming gives you the body of an 18-year-old, what they don't say is that very often it's the body of an 18-year-old

You also notice that they are all wearing swimming costumes that last fitted them properly in 1982, possibly because in their religion men and women are allowed to buy only one swimming costume once they reach adulthood. These costumes are covered in patterns so searingly lurid that eye-surgeons could use them to perform laser-surgery. (Stare at these trunks, but for no more than onequarter of a second. Do you feel a burning sensation on your retina? Good, that should sort out the

short-sightedness in your left eye.") These are people who have tried and failed with known methods of shedding weight and are now dabbling on the fringes of known science they've tried explaining to their thighs that humans no longer need to store 42lb of fat about their

the corner store is open all the time and all the local restaurants deliver. But their thighs didn't listen. So now they are shamelessly trying to scare their fat cells away: they think that by showing them swimwear that looks as if it's been exposed to fierce radioactivity, their fat cells might decamp to somewhere more hospitable, such as one of Marion Brando's chins.

nd even if swimming does tighten your belly muscles. Highten your ochy massier it does even spookier things to your brain. Byron liked to swim every day in a stagnant duckpond near Newstead Abbey. But pretty soon he was on to the hard stuff. After leaving a party in Venice, he dived, fully clothed, into the Grand Canal and swam home, holding a torch to warn off passing gondoliers. And on swimming the

bodies for emergencies, because Hellespont on May 3, 1810, Byron achievement more than I could possibly do any kind of glory, political, poetical, or rhetorical.

This didn't make much sense to anyone, of course, until Freud came along and told us that swimming basically disguises a human yearning to revisit the amniotic waters of the womb. That might nol have put Byron off swimming, but would have made him think twice about messing with Vlennese women, just in case they really do have wombs full of seaweed.

with shingle underfoot. it probably also explains why. when most people hear the call of the sea, the sea says: "Stay on dry land - especially if you're Marlon Brando - because visibility can be poor and you never know when there'll be a Japanese whaler in the

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Society jeweller Julia Ogilvy married into the Royal Family. Interview by Moira Petty

'Life isn't

about

class any

more. It's

what you

put into it'

She may answer to the lowly title. Mrs, but she is queen of all she surveys within the roccco interior of Hamilton & Inches, Scotland's grandest jeweller. (A 3.10 carat diamond set in platinum ring. £42,900. Pearl and diamond collar, £18,841.)

Mrs Ogilvy is noted for two achievements. First, in July 1988 she married James, son of the Queen's cousin. Princess Alexandra: but mention this and she bristles. Second, already installed as managing director of Hamilton & Inches, hood" with her two sisters in she has recently led a manage-

ment buy-out of former owners Asprey. Mention this and she glows. Although every-

thing around here has a price tag lenamel cufflinks, £120. Edwardian gold, amethyst and pearl pendant, £2,150), she discreetly refuses to say how much money changed hands.

The management

team of four put in some equity and there was finance from The lous peat of taughter, "Life Bank of Scotland. "It was terrifying. But we agreed with Asprey we wouldn't give you any figures," she says primly.

Mrs Ogilvy, 33, is a vision in

her grey Tomasz Starzewski suit and LK Bennett stingbacks, a perfect foll for the jewels with which she drips. They cascade from ears, wrist and neck. Her three-string pearl necklace was a 21st birthday present: "Pearls had that funny Sloane Ranger association but now they're seen as chic."
Today she is also twinkling in pearl and diamond earrings and her sapphire and diamond cluster engagement ring ("Diamonds are so simple"); Celoc-tooking brooch and ring and several other rings besides, and a charm bracelet to which her husband

adds a gold nugget on each

ulia Ogilvy sashays wedding anniversary. Plus through the glittering she is wearing a Rolex; at Edinburgh emporium. and Tag Heuer models. "I'm a bit of a watch person," she con-

> Mrs Ogilvy is used to piling on the jewellery."I buy quite a lot and I borrow things. I gel very excited by new designers. If I'm wearing a ballgown I'll borrow one of our £26,000 pearl and diamond chokers. We have lots of parties in the shop and people often want to try on what I am wearing. I end up with no jewellery by the end of the evening."

> She had a "wonderful child-Saffron Walden, Essex. There

was no family money. My father worked hard in the City and made money. I was on the front of Totler once as the ultimate Essex girl." Had she had to overcome any class

differences when married James? He is, after all, within a few dozen places of the throne. Class? CLASS? she says. with an incredu-

isn't about class any more. It's not about who you are, but what you put into your life. "I'm not saying anything

about Essex but there's more than one type of Essex, you know. My parents live in a beautiful thatched house in a lovely village." She is very keen on the con-

cept of luxury. In fact she came up with a great idea for her husband James, who runs his own publishing business from their Fife farmhouse. To his bimonthly otle, Ogilvy's Britain and Iteland: The Insider Guide for the Sophisticated Traveller (typical features: Fab-ulous Golf and The British Tea), he has added Luxury Briefing: Your Indispensable Guide to the Luxury Industry. A top tip from a recent issue: "Pierre Cardin may be a licenc-



ing success but it's no longer an achiever's choice." "My husband's happy to give me the credit for coming up with the idea for Luxury

Briefing," she says. "It's hard to get to all the PR parties, hear all the gossip, so we decided to start this for all the people who work in that business. It is, after all, the same customer who stays at five-star hotels. flies Concorde and buys expensive jewellery."

rs Ogilvy sighs and says: "It's so easy to get cut off from the luxury-goods world. We've still gol lots of friends who work at places like Louis Vuitton so we like to come down to London and get to some of the parties. The Cartier poto is always a

wonderful event." Where, in the classless world she claims to inhabit, does she stay when in London? With my parents-in-law. At St James's Palace. I feel quite at home there. It's like staying with any in-laws, although they're often at their other place in Richmond." James,

34, and Julia have two children, Flora, three, and Alexander, one. They met at St Andrew's University. "We were just friends, then we fell in love. At university his connection with the Royal Family hard-

ly ever came out.
"I'm glad I hawild in his ven't got a title. In a career it would just be a hassle. Some people say they re only good for gel-

ting tables in restaurants. We got some for £500. There's a got engaged in the March and married in the July, ten years ago. We thought we'd get on with it." The Queen and other members of the Royal Family attended the wedding. "Every girl's wedding day is both terrifying and wonderful. I wasn't daunted. They're just a wonderful, friendly family.

"James and I had very structured childhoods, with a similar moral upbringing. I was probably never going to be the school prefect, but nothing was ever bad enough to make me rebel. And James has never done anything wild in his

"He has a very close relationship with his parents. His mother was incredibly hardworking and attended lots of official functions, but tailored it so that she could be around

for the children. I'm quite an organised person and believe that having a set routine makes children secure. I'm definitely old-fashioned in that re-

There are often guests staying at their five-bedroom Georgian house with one and a half acres of land. "Visitors mustn't have high expectations," she says. "I put the children to bed, go into the kitchen and say it'll be spaghetti again'. Our dining room comes off the kitchen and it's also a play-room. Everywhere's painted

She buys a season's worth of clothes from designers Starzewski and Amanda Wakeley at a time. "I buy all my underwear from M&S but my mother hates it when I say that. I bought a linen suit there this summer and everyone thought it was Ralph Lauren. We only started wearing trouser suits at work recently. We wouldn't like it."

She began her career in public relations for Garrard. "It was an easy way in." When, in 1992, Asprey bought Hamilton

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& Inches, she thought the job they were offering her was of marketing, not managing. director, "No one's ever given me the impression that they thought I couldn't do the

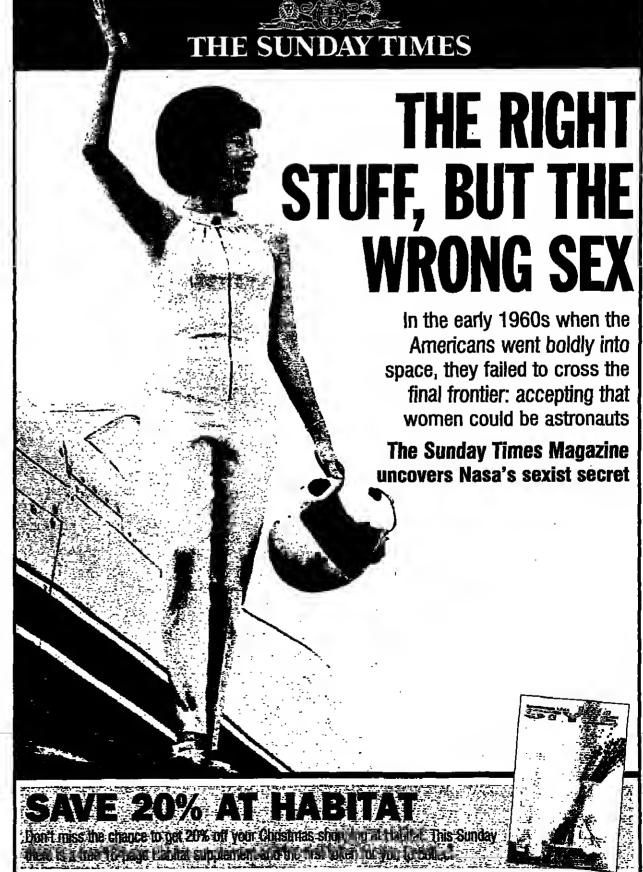
She thought the "revitalising". Engagement rings would previously have started at £1,000. Now we've

complete mix of customers, aristocratic families who've kept their jewels in our vaults for a hundred years and people who ve just made a lot of money. And I didn't say nou-

She suspected that Asprey was planning to sell its only Scottish shop earlier this year and approached them then. "It made me jumpy to think how we could have been sold off."

She is happy with life: "I have got two wonderful children, a job t love and a stake in the business." She even manages to look surprised when her husband presents her with a bauble from the

"He has his favourite salesman here that he goes to. And of course I make sure he gets a nice discount."



THE SUNDAY TIMES IS THE SUNDAY PAPERS



There's no pleasing the Scots

They act like bolshie teenagers,

argues Mary Ann Sieghart

henever I think about Scotland these days, I am reminded of those Marrakesh "tour guides" who promise to navigate you through the labyrinths of the souk for a fair few dirhams. Eventually you sur-render to one, if only to ward off the attentions of his competitors who will continue to besiege you if you walk alone. But, by the end of the day, the previously agreed rate is apparently far too little. Through wheedling, threats and imprecadons, the guide secures not only twice the negotiated fee, but a free lunch into the bargain. And, to add to the insult, he departs with a scowl

on his face. That Moroccan experience left me, like many visitors to the city, feeling irritated and bemused. I feel the same way about the ungraciousness of the Scots: and I suspect that Tony Blair, on his Scottish tour this week, does too. Why are they so bad-tempered and churlish now that they have achieved what they have al-ways wanted — and more?

I have always been a passionate supporter of devolu-tion. A year before the general elec-tion. I even took Why are time off work here to make a film for they so the BBC arguing strongly that Scotchurlish land deserved to run its own affairs. now they that it had been neglected by West-minster and have what most crucially they want? that, far from tearing the UK apart.

keep it together. The Scottish had two wholly understandable grouses. Why, however strongly they voted Labour, should they always be governed by Conservatives? And why, when they had their own legal system, could they not make their own laws in their own parliament, rather than being ruled by a satrap

devolution would

from Westminster? The general election solved both problems overnight. At last the whole country voted the same way as Scotland, so the Scots had the party they wanted in Westminster. And then they were offered their powers even than the version that they so nearly won in 1979. End of problem? Hardly.

Barely a day has passed since May 1, 1997, on which Scottish disgruntlement has not been voiced. Yes, they have a Labour Government, but it is the wrong type of Labour Government. Yes, they are to have a parliament, but it will have the wrong powers in the wrong building in the wrong

part of Edinburgh.
Every ministerial nouncement is wilfully misinterpreted to be a slight on the Scottish people, exemplifying the patronising attitudes of the English (and if the minister is Scottish, then he becomes an honorary English villain, an Uncle Tam). Like dealing with an absurdly oversensitive relative, you have to optoe around for fear of giving

unintended offence. When Mr Blair quite innocently said, to justify giving Scotland the tax-raising powers it wanted, that even parish

councils were allowed to levy their own tax, he was merely pointing out the absurdity of Tory propaganda about the tartan tax. Instantly, this was portrayed as a shocking insult, putting the Scottish parliament on the same level as a parish council. It was no

as a parish council. It was no such thing. Rather like the "passive-ag-gressive" personality types por-trayed by pop psychologists, Scotland seems to have a "superior-inferior" relationship with England. John Smith loved to characterise the Scots, particularly the middle classes, as morally superior to the English because they were more collectivist and altruistic and, of course, they voted for his party. But they could comfortably vote Labour in Morningside, knowing that enough would vote Tory south of the border to ensure that their taxes would not rise.

Then there is the fabled superiority of Scottish education, a myth that persists despite Scottish schoolchildren routinely scoring the same as English pupils in international comparisons of maths and science skills. Yet

public spending per schoolchild is some 30 per cent higher north of the border than south. Scotland also thinks itself superior in the assertion of its national identity. The English are apparently to be pitied because they have so little sense of their own nationhood. Actu-

ally, the English are perfectly happy with their overlapping identities. That they feel little need for national display springs from their

The "inferior" part of the

Scottish psyche leads to a maddening chippiness. Even when the Scottish feel superi-or, it is a superiority that has to be defined against the English. Yet the English are not even competing in the race. If we English measure ourselves against anyone, it is against foreign nations such as France, not Scotland. As far as we are concerned, the nations of the United Kingunless they are playing foot-ball or rugby. But even then, most English people, if their own team is not playing, will support any of the other home countries before a foreign team. The Scottish would rather support Germany or Argentina than England.

t must be time for this hostility to end. The Scots are behaving like bolshie adolescents, always discontented, seeing conspiracies where none exists, lashing out at the slightest — or no — provoca-tion. Any kind word or gift is pocketed and the hand held out for more. Generosity is despised.

Like the parent who wails "Whatever I say to her these days is wrong!", Mr Blair faces an audience in Scotland that is determined to be difficult. The Scots have been given the grown-up parliament that they have longed for all their lives. Now it is time for them to grow up too.



FROM THE TWO MINUTES' SILENCE TO THE THREE MINUTE WARNING...

Get a move on, William

illy Graham once observed that you can achieve almost anything in this life, if you're prepared not to take the credit. Dr Graham is, of course, rather more concerned about the next life than this but he has a point. It is a point which. I imagine. William Hague impressed upon Michael Portillo this week.

The Conservative leader may take his friend's advice seriously, indeed may often be inclined to act upon it, but does not, it seems, take kindly to 1,000 words of wisdom faxed to The Daily Telegraph's opinion page. It may then be counter-productive to direct some words to Mr Hague through these columns, doubly so given that the words echo some of Mr Portillo's. But, as the former Defence Secretary once said, he who dares

wins, so here goes.

The Tory leader has made two serious personnel errors this week, and is apparently about to make a third. These mistakes reflect more than misjudgments about personali-ties, they reveal deeper defects in the Tories' political thinking. Mr Hague does not have time to make these errors, for if matters do not improve significantly within 12 months, he may not be around to choose the leadership challenge next November that would leave me, and others who yearn for him to succeed, cursing what might have been.

The first error was the nomination of Sir Alastair Goodlad to succeed Sir Leon Brittan as a European Commissioner. The second was the signal to Jeffrey Archer that the leadership would allow him a clear run at the nomination for London's mayor. The third would be the appointment of Jonathan Holborow as the party's communications chief.

The choice of Sir Alastair, against whom I bear no particular ill-will. was a great opportunity missed. Why nominate a man whose sympathies are so out of tune with Mr Hague's own? Sir Alistair is an Establishment Europhile who is only a nominal supporter of the Shadow Cabinet's anti-euro line. If appointed to Brussels he would as quickly adopt the Commission's line as he did Mr

Hague's, and with greater zeal.

The final choice of commissioner is, of course, the Prime Minister's. Mr Hague may have thought that Sir Alastair had more chance of getting Downing Street approval than an The Tory leader has not got time to make significant errors of

judgment, says Michael Gove

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out-and-out Eurosceptic, but why does he want their approval? Why the pre-emptive cringe? Why not nominate a talented administrator with impeccable sceptical credentials like Sir Michael Forsyth, the former Scottish Secretary? If Tony Blair rejected him, then so much the better, for it would show the Prime Minister in his true, partisan, and pro-European colours. A chance has been missed to promote a young and talented Eurosceptic, and the face the Tory party has projected is the careworn countenance of a leftover from the

Major years.
Which brings one to
Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare. I do bear him
particular ill-will. If he is nominated as the Tory candidate for London's mayor, I would not just spoil my ballot paper, I would make of it a funeral pyre. How anyone who has read Michael Crick's biography of this fantasist could allow him to run a bath, let alone for office, let alone the capital city, is beyond me. But even if

Lord Archer were a byword for probity, he would still deserve to be stopped. The race for the mayoralty is a peerless opportunity for the Tories to show a modern and attractive face. Can they really do no better than this clown who first capered on the national stage beside The Beatles? Where are the talented businessmen or the gifted local government figures? Why not find, and ruthlessly promote, a young, professional Eurosceptic woman to show what modern

Conservatism should look like? Whatever modern Conservatism looks like, it doesn't look like Jonathan Holborow. I should bear the former Editor of The Mail on Sunday some ill-will. He once turned me down for a job. But he was right to do so, for it was a post for which I was ill-suited by age and tempera-ment. Just as he is ill-suited for the job of Tory communications chief. On a personal level, he lacks the

dynamism, the hunger and the

political zeal required. If he had to

take early retirement because the hurly-burly of editing a weekly paper which faced a fading opposition was too much for him, why should he be equipped for the 24-hour-a-day grind of fighting a dominant Government? Mr Portillo, rightly, argued this week that the Tories need to find their voice. Because Mr Blair found his in Alastair Campbell the myth has become established that the Conservatives need a tabloid journalist to project themselves. Such a conclusion shows how the party still misunderstands the reasons for new Labour's

success. Alastair Campbell is good not because he was once a journalist, but because he has always been a politician. He would be served his apprenticeship at The Mirror rather than well placed Millbank but his genius rests in his strategic grasp of campaigning and his to stand ing propaganda. While at The Daily Mirror he was not a story-getter in the mould of the Mail or Sun

team. He was a speech-writer and image-burnisher by appointment to the Kinnock court. His ambition was not to edit a title, or push up circulation but, single-mindedly, to propel Labour into power.

What the Tories require, and urgently, is a strategist who can develop broad themes, and compelling narratives, which tell Britain what the purpose of electing the Conservatives would be. Margaret Thatcher had a story to sustain her she was the woman who would cure the British disease. It would hurt, by God it would hurt, but the pain could be borne because the reason for its

infliction was apparent. The Conservatives need an individual, or a team, who will persuade Britain that it needs less government, and less politics. Their responses on devolution, education, Lords reform and Europe should be connected by a sustained vision of a better luture. The Tories enjoy a lead on Europe, but they enjoy it in the way an absentee landlord enjoyed his Irish acres, happy to contemplate it but showing no energy for developing it.

The Tories do not need so much to harden their opposition to the euro as explain why it springs, naturally, from a broader approach to politics. At the moment the Tory stance on the single currency can be caricatured as obsessive hostility to a single policy. They should explain that the reasons for their opposition — a belief in power being exercised accountably, a faith in limited government, a distrust of devices that need new rules and new taxes — apply everywhere. The same impulses, they should argue, lead them to favour particular reforms in health, education and local government. They should explain that they care as much about hospitals, schools and councils as the pound, which is why they have ideas to set them free and make them countable. Only connect.

r Hague is cautious about saying too much at this stage. He argues that he wants to present a small target. Well, at just over 30 per cent in the polls the target is too small. The Tories have to start showing now what they could do in whether in Australia a few years ago or Britain in the late Seventies, the Tories' position is not so sound that

the party can afford to mark time.

If, by the time of the next Tory conference, there has not been a significant increase in the party's poll ratings, the cry will go out among twitchy candidates and bewildered activists for a big hitter. And which rough beast, its hour come at last. will slouch towards Blackpool? Ken Clarke. He, and not Michael Portillo. is in a position to challenge for the leadership. He could do so this ome next year. His appeal would be simple, a heavyweight who is still popular with the grass roots. His supporters would inquire of Tory sceptics whether they would rather try to influence a Europhile from their own party in No 10 or rage against a Labour one. Mr Hague should learn another lesson from Billy Graham, and start evangelising with as much energy, and detail, as he can. Otherwise he may find there will be someone else taking the credit when this Government falters.

Simon Jenkins returns next week.

Philip Howard



Lost and floundering in the English language

he menu for room ser-vice at the Laleh International Hotel. Tehran, offers "Fish Cheeps", "Scram Bled Eggs" and "Portass Bled Eggs" and "Portass Steak". That is not globe-trotting gastronomy from the horse's mouth. The menu was sent to me by a Scottish friend. And it illustrates an English

And it illustrates an English joke as old as Shakespeare and Chaucer: the funny way that foreigners have with the funny English language.

We call such mistakes solecisms. And that itself is a strange word. In the 7th century BC Greeks from Rhodes founded a colony at Soli at the founded a colony at Soli, at the southern tip of what is now Turkey. This was beyond the black stump and up Tombstone Gulch, at the larthest end of the civilised world. To the south and east lay lniun country swarming with Phoeni-cians, Persians and other barbarians. Not surprisingly the colonists developed a frontier dialect that Athenian purists considered barbarous. So they invented the slang soloikos to

mean speaking uncouthly.

Not many stones remain of Soli. But its name lives on, in modern European languages, as an insult and a reminder of the way its citizens "ruined" Greek. A classic example is Pedro Carolino. In 1883 he published an English-Portuguese phrasebook in spite of having little or no command of English and no Portuguese-English dictionary. He worked with Portuguese-French and French-English dictionaries. And through their double translation produced phrases for Portuguese holidaymakers: "Dress your hairs: Undress you to: She make the prude:

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and He has tost his all good," Familiar dialogues, "For to ride a horse", begins: "Here is a horse who have bad looks. Give me another, I will not that. He not sall know to march, he is pursy, he is foundered. Don't you are ashamed to give me a jade as like? He is unshoed, he is with nails up." "Idiotisms and proverbs" include: "The stone as roll not heap up not foam, and The dog that bark not bite." There is poetry as well as power in the solecism. Pedro gave us memorable advice on. To craunch a marmoset". At the World Climate Conference in Buenos showed how one of the most powerful public speakers in English has built his reputa-

oon on solecism. "Don't you know the Queen's English?" "Of course I do, and so is the Deputy Prime Minis-ler." Cultural and linguistic differences mean that people eenerally do not find a joke in a foreign language funny. But some jokes are universal. And one is about the long-gone inhabitants of Soli. They were one of the first social and regional groups to be stereotyped as stupid.

n England the Irish joke has replaced the Soloikians. There was this Irishman..." is an introduction signalling something stupid to be said or done. This is odd. considering the brilliant contributions of the Irish to English literature. But the Irish are people to whom God has been kind, but nobody else is, not even the Irish. And most civilisations have their target for Soli jokes. Dubliners make such jokes about people from Cork. And in Cork, the targets for the silly-ass joke are the

people from Galway. in Europe the butts of a joke are usually people living to the west. In Soli, they were barbarians to the east. In Tonga, such jokes are made about people from an island called Ena. Central African tribes refer to pygmies in this way. And the same joke turns up in many languages. Have you heard the one about the Sareehi boy who ran after a bus all the way home? Then he boasts to his mother that he has saved 20p. She calls him an eejit, saying that if he had chased a taxi, he would have saved £1. The original joke was told in Arabic, and the monetary units were Jordanian. But it was probably told 25 centuries ago patronising Athenians about the boy from Soli chasing a Cilician camel train.

Verbatim, the language quarterly, is to be revived. And its first issue contains a new crop of solecisms, from "foundling fathers" to "all my bored days..." Which of us manages to pass a day without committing a solecism? Possibly Conrad Russell and Tony Quinton? The rest of us must sit back and enjoy the ancient linguistic bloopers from Soli.

Nanny's fate

HARRIET HARMAN'S nanny is taking the former Cabinet minister to an employment tribunal. And the union boss who is charged with fighting the toiler's case? One Jack Dromey, alias Mr Harriet Harman. Liz Bannister, who after looking after the Harman sprogs took over her constituency office, was off-loaded when Ms Harman was sacked by Tony Blair; and she feels this was a shade unjust. Ms Bannister is backed by the T&G, whose big player is Ms Harman's husband. Ms Bannister worked

for the Harmans (pictured) for about eight years, ending up in the about eight years, caning up in the then Social Security Secretary's political office. While T&G HQ was unusually shy about a tribu-nal case, Siobhan Wilson, its branch secretary in the Commons, was more forthcoming.

"There has been no settlement,"
she tells me. "It is all a matter of due process. There has only ever been one case of an MP being brought to an industrial tribunal. Usually these grievances are set-tled before it reaches that stage." Ms Harman tells me that she had to let Ms Bannister go because she had to cut the number of slaves

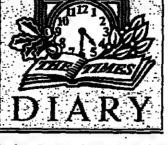
in her office after her demotion. "I had to reorganise my parlia-mentary office to include a researcher with specific expertise, she tells me. "I had to make Liz redundant to recruit somebody with the expertise I needed. I am



loss of her job." I hope Milearned friends find her offer sufficient.

● PATRIOTISM, Labour style. A Labour whip was in the tea rooms scooping up a handful of poppies, handing them round with orders to wear them in the chamber. And no contribution was put in the box.

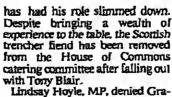
Cash convert THAT collapsed Roman Catholic, Catherine Cookson, was lured



back to Rome only months before she died. The prelate who achieved this conversion was Father Tom Power, now retired in Ireland: and he, lucky chap, has received the unexpected boon of 10,000 big ones from the late author in her will. "It is a very private thing between Catherine and I." he says. "It is the

● NOT only is Quentin Crisp out but now he is online. At 90, he is launching his own website (www. quentincrisp.com, for nerdy flo-wers) from his garret in Manhattan. Ron Davies and other confused sorts can e-mail him; prizes to his wittiest correspondent.

Slim pickings TOMMY GRAHAM, the larger than lunch suspended Labour MP.



Lindsay Hoyle, MP, denied Gra-ham had been ousted because of his keen interest in the committee's work: "Just because he is a large chap, I don't think that was grounds for him being removed."

NEWS of the Church of England's review into bishops' expenses reached my ears last Tuesday. But when I spoke to Lesley Perry, the Archbishop of Canterbury's press attache, she denied any knowledge of the inquiry. Yet less than 48 hours later, she was faxing all national newspapers with o press release on the story.

Making up

WAGNER atones, courtesy of the Saatchi brothers. Gottfried Wagner, great-grandson of the great composer, has finally been rewar-ded for outing his family as enthusiastic right-wing types. The Saatchi synagogue has invited Herr Wagner to speak, after he published a book last year outing his grandmother as a close mucker of Hitler's. These gatherings are



set to become the focal point for the North London Volvo, shiraz and Waitrose crowd. Harrison Ford and Yitzhak Shamir, the former Israeli leader, will follow, but only after Lord Archer of Weston-super-Marc and Ken Livingstone slog it out with, well, bagels at ten paces.

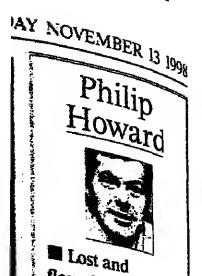
Video naughty

BROADENING the readership. Church Times style. Last week's edition included a supplement peddling a video club. Not a problem, one would think, but for the fact that one of the videos in the pamphlet - represented by an

enticing picture - was that invigorading ocuvre Emmonuelle (above). Not all clerics enjoyed the improvements. As one on the paper said: "Readers get stroppy about all kinds of things."

OCHARLIE WHELAN'S life is so frenctic he has bought o second mobile phone. Gordon Brown's big spin-doctor, bon viveur and personal Red Lion, has bought a world phone" (German naturally) to go with his domestic model. This follows a recent telephone bill. which admittedly included a trip to Chino, of £7,000. Heavy spin.

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November 10. **BBC** accountability From the Director of the National

Viewers' and Listeners' Association Sir, it is certainly true that the BBC has done a great deal in recent years to improve its accountability, and rightly so. But there is still much about the Corporation that remains secret even though decisions it makes have real consequences for the viewing public, in particular on programme content. The Chairman of the BBC, Sir Christopher Bland (letter, November 2), surely cannot refuse to publish details of board

meetings merely on the grounds that some commercial television compa-The unique way the BBC is funded

 a compulsory licence fee — places unique responsibilities on the corporation. It is not enough to point to a few seminars or a brief "chat with the

stand or appreciate the "increasingly competitive and complex environment" in which the BBC now has to operate. Let us hope that the interactive services of the digital age will make possible real dialogue in the

Yours faithfully, JOHN BEYER, National Viewers' and Listeners' Association. Colchester, Essex COl 1UG.

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ful and influential broadcasting or-From MT Christopher Lee

Sir, Mr Peter Gordon-Potts (letter November 3) can now be added to the list of those who say that any "dumbing-down" at the BBC includes Radio 4. Consequently, I turned to

> 3 included: Michael Buerk profiling decision-makers; a nature programme on sharks; a Peter Tinniswood comedy; Quote - Unquote; an examination of the American depression; a 30-minute book programme; a business programme: a Gabriel Garcia Marquez reading and the

> This selection does not include what I believe to be the best radio news and current affairs coverage on any network other than the World Service (and even that is on Radio 4 after lam). Not bad for a network that is supposed to be "undernanding".

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Government help to save the family

From the Archbishop of Glasgow

Sir, Much has been written in recent days about the Government's Green Paper Supporting Families (details November 5; letters, November 7). Many in the Roman Catholic Church were heartened and indeed relieved by much of the content, indeed, pre-marriage courses, counselling before divorce, parenting workshops and de-cent paternity and maternity leave have all been preached — and practised in the Catholic Church for some years.

However, could I appeal to all concerned to remember that Supporting Families is a consultation document. In areas of practical assistance I would ask the Government to keep an npen mind. Calls for tax breaks for marriage are not aniediluvian rhetoric, but practical and sensible proposals to help millions of married couples and their children. Subsidies for parents who prefer to stay at home to look after their own children rather than bring in outsiders work well in Scandinavia: they could work well

here too. Supporting Families should not be seen as the last word in government family strategy, but rather the very welcome and practical foundation for

debate. One other point. On the day the Green Paper was published the Scottish Office made it clear that it did not apply north of the border - why ever not? God knows, our needs are just as great as those of England and Wales.

Yours etc. **†THOMAS J. CARDINAL** The Archdiocese of Glasgow, 196 Clyde Street, Glasgow GI 4JY.

From Mr Bernard Cunningham

Sir. Mrs Sandra Wrightson's letter (November 7) might have given the impression that the alternative regimes of matrimonial finance under Spanish law were established with the prospect of divorce in mind.

In fact, those regimes were provided for in the Civil Code of 1889, long before the introduction of divorce in 1981, and were concerned with the economic rules during the subsistence of the marriage and in relation to inheritance, rather than with the

division of property on divorce.

I agree with Mrs Wrightson's wish for certainty at a time of stress but that should not be achieved by a prenuptial contract whose very purpose is contradictory to the express promise of permanence in the marriage contract, thus rendering that promise null and

The modern Spanish philosopher, Julian Marias, has commented that the possibility of divorce renders the fullness of marriage improbable. The encouragement of prenuptial contracts merely increases that improba-

Yours truly, BERNARD CUNNINGHAM, Estudio Juridico Fiscal. 28036 Madrid. November 9.

Getting in line

From Mr Colin MacLean

Sir. t agree with Mr G. A. McKenzie (letter, November 10) about the protocol of the 1930s bus stop: no queue but no boarding out of turn. In my experience, however, the queue did not originate in the Second World

Throughout the 1930s in Aberdeen we all queued obediently at cinemas. marshalled by commissionaires and even sometimes by the cinema manager. The latter was more likely to be in charge in the foyer when the film was especially popular, the former then having to impose control outside.

down the street and round the corner. The friendly commissionaire could be relied on to let us know how long we might have to wait, or indeed whether we were wise to wait at all.

Yours faithfully. COLIN MacLEAN. Drumtilt, The Terrace, Bridge of Tilt, Pitlochry PH18 5SZ.

Politicians and their private lives

sex? There does not appear to be any

Temple does, that Mr Brown has a

duty to inform me of his sexuality or

any other area of his personal life tf

public figures engage in lies, hypocri-

sy or illegal activities then we are

ustified in questioning their behav-

iour. Until then, we will have to accept

that the right to gossip is not a fundamental human right.

8 Outram Road, Oxford OX4 3PE.

Sir. Yet again our politicians are

complaining about media intrusion

into their private lives. This would be

a credible complaint, and one which

most of us would join, were they not

the very persons who thrust their

At elections, almost without excep-

tion, their publicity campaigns are

filled with happy snaps of the candidate's family; of candidate in

local or even national photo opportuni-

ty; of candidate with famous (or

infamous) persons. Whilst they expect

the public to swallow that propagan-

da, they resent the other side of the

If they wish to enter public life, and

to try and persuade their constituents

that they are persons of probity and

openness, politicians should make sure their claims can be substantial-

ed, and that their lifestyle and past

Sir, There is an exhortation in the

Alternative Service Book of the Angli-can Church that is both simple and

also profoundly challenging: "Do all that makes for peace and builds up our common life." Not think about,

It seems an apposite comment on

some of the media coverage on the

sexual orientation of some ministers

and, as Libby Purves points out in her

inimitable way (article, November 3),

private lives in front of us.

coin being exposed to view.

will stand examination.

Wiske House, Birkby.

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November 10.

Northallerton DL7 0EF.

From Mrs Judith Hall

Yours etc.

ERROL NOTT,

Yours faithfully.

November 10.

DAVID C. PROSSER.

From Mr Errol Nott

Further, I do not believe, as Mr

evidence of such a pretence.

From Mrs Christine Holt

Sir. I feel angry that words like ".. rally to support gay ministers" (headline, November 9; see also letters. November 10) are being used in the wake of Nick Brown's recent "outing". Neither he, nor any other homosexual person, male or female, should have to feel indebted to the naternalism of the heterosexual majority, however kindly meant.

Homosexuals have had to deal with a great deal of stress and anxiety about their sexuality, often in isolation and sometimes for years. Because of the pressures and antagonism of a largely anti-gay culture, it is to their credit that, against all the odds, so many do lead fulfilled lives and achieve success in their careers.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE HOLT, Newcombe Road, Holcombe Brook, Bury, Lancashire BLO 9UT. November 10.

From Mt A. Subramaniam

Sir, I agree with Mr Philip Harding of the BBC (letter, November 10) that "freedom of expression has to be balanced by respect for the right of an individual to privacy". MPs and ministers are elected to serve their constituents and the public. Their performance should be judged on that alone and not what they do in their bedrooms.

It is a reflection of the current pathetic state of affairs that a minister should have to reveal his sexuality in order to avoid the embarrassment of an "outing" by the media. Ministers and MPs should not be distracted from matters of government, which happen to be more relevant than their

Yours faithfully, ARUN SUBRAMANIAM, 50 Rannoch Road, W6 9SR. a.subramaniam@ic.ac.uk November 10.

From Dr David C. Prosser

Sir. Mr R. Temple (letter, November 10), in defending the media's right to disclose and discuss an MPs sexual orientation, says that "A homosexual MP who pretends to be heterosexual is defrauding his constituency voters by not declaring his true views and

I cannot see how this charge can be levelled at Mr Brown. I have seen no reports to suggest he has pretended to be heterosexual. Was he married? Did he appear in the tabloids with a string of girlfriends? Did he constantly nis m regarding members of the opposite

The military option

Sir. On one side of your front page

today we read of the Queen laying a wreath "In memory of the glorious

dead". Immediately opposite we read that the United States and Britain

move to the brink of a military attack

More glorious dead? What incon-

From Mrs Ruth Baker

gruity

Yours faithfully,

RUTH BAKER.

November 12.

From Mr Duncan Heenan

the attitudes of us all.

Yours sincerely,

Lodge Cottage,

November 10.

JUDITH HALL

Sir, The United States, in the guise of the United Nations, seems about to attack iraq again.

Hemingford Grey, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PEIS ODE

Iraq's crime is failing to allow the Western powers the monopoly in ownership of weapons of mass destruction. The power politics of the situation are clear, but can we please be spared the homilies from Western governments making out that this is in some way a moral issue.

Yours faithfully, DUNCAN HEENAN, Thie Lheanagh, Clenagh Road, Sulby, Isle of Man IM7 3AD. November 12.

Millennium bug

From the Chief Executive of the

26 Vicarage Gardens, Clacton on Sea, Essex COI5 IBU.

Association for Payment Clearing Sir. I must take issue with Mark Henderson's contention (report. No-

vember 6) that "bank accounts could be wiped out" by the millennium bug. Extensive testing for millennium compliance of the major payment and money transmission systems in this country will be completed within the next fortnight, and customers can be completely reassured that their bank balances will be as safe as they have always been. Not least because all banks and building societies archive, or back up, their customer details at the end of each working day. Decem-

ber 30/31, 1999, being no exception. Furthermore, the 530,000 electronic card-reading terminals in retailers around the country have recognised

"year 2000" expiry dates on cards for over a year now. So no problems

Yours faithfully. CHRIS PEARŠON, Chief Executive, Association for Payment Clearing Services. Mercury House, Triton Court. 14 Finsbury Square, EC2A 1BR. November 6.

expected there, I am glad to say.

From Mr Trevor Leigh

Sir. I notice that the second of the four questions set out in the introduction to a booklet entitled Millennium Bug -Act Now, which the Government has apparently sent out to every business in the country. is "How much time do t have?".

Yours faithfully. TREVOR LEIĞH, 172 Greenford Road. Harrow, Middlesex HAl 3QZ November 6.

The problem could, of course, have been avoided if the French had had the foresight to rename the Paris terminus of the Channel Tunnel rail

link "North Station". Yours faithfully, ANTHONY NIXON,

applauded.

70 Warwick Road, St Albans. Hertfordshire ALI 4DL. November 6

From Mr A. R. Titchener

Sir, The French have always been valiant fighters — opposite or at our side. They are noble friends and worthy colleagues. They have been ill-used by the widespread publicity about the suggestion to rename Waterloo station, which has the appearance of having been made by a minority with an unnecessary guilt complex.

It is all an irrelevant storm in a demitasse.

A. R. TITCHENER, 23 While Horse Road, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 4JPJ. November 12

COUNTDOWN OVER IRAQ

A new strategy aimed at the nerve-centre of Saddam's power

The decks have been cleared for military action against Iraq. The speed of events strongly contrasts with the diplomatic manoeuvrings that, for seven years, have accompanied previous attempts to force Saddam Hussein back into compliance with the UN's 1991 ceaselire resolutions. Neither in the West, nor at the UN, is there readiness this time to lay down stepping stones for the Iraqi President's retreat. Iraq's call for joint resistance by "the Arab nation" has fallen on stony ground. From Qatar, the eight Arab member stales of the mutual security pact created under the 1991 "Damascus Declaration", have sternly rejoined that they hold Iraq "solely responsible for any consequences" of Saddam's ban on Unscom policing of his illegal arsenals. And unless he executes an unconditional U-turn, which he still can.

the consequences will plainly be massive. In a letter to all MPs yesterday. Tony Blair explained why there is no space for compromise. Washington and London are finally convinced that Saddam will never allow Unscom to complete its work, because to do so would not only disrupt his aggressive ambitions but would expose and disrupt the intelligence apparatus that keeps him in power. Reluctantly, they have decided that with Unscom hobbled since March, and now completely blocked, detective work has reached a dead end. That leaves only military action, on a scale capable of disabling the war machine that

Iraq will not let the UN dismantle. Since Iraq is able to assemble biological weapons "within weeks", the three-month vacuum between the end of inspections and the only alternative, military attack, cannol be allowed to continue. The campaign now being readied will inevitably be hugely destructive, of lives as well as physical targets, because that is the only way to

prevent an Iraqi military breakthrough. The strategy that underpins the Pentagon's identification of some 250 Iraqi targets goes beyond the destruction of military and industrial installations, command and control centres and the headquarters of Saddam's elite Republican Guards. It is equally vital to cripple the Iraqi leader's 5,000-strong Special Security

Service, the nerve-centre of his regime. This unit, headed by a secret committee controlled by Qusay, his second son, runs lraq's illicit military procurement, the 60-odd Iraqi biological installations and its secret intelligence. It is this network that has hidden from Unscom Iraq's stocks of banned missiles, munitions, chemicals, nerve gases and biological material.

Rapidly as US forces have been deployed to the Gulf theatre, this time there is nothing off the cuff about the American response. Its plans are the product of slowly accumulated knowledge about Iraq's capacities and intentions, including information supplied by a defector who headed Saddam's military intelligence. Everything that has been learnt points to the necessity of political destabilisation as an integral part of the strategic objective.

So far, and again in contrast to previous attempts to deal with Iraq, political leaders have deliberately treated the response as a matter for their defence planners. But once this operation, which could be imminent, has begun, and casualties mount, there will be a political campaign to be waged. Britain's military role in this operation will be small, serving principally to underline that the US is not acting alone. But Mr Blair's political contribution, particularly when it comes to keeping the wobblier European governments in line, could be of

critical importance. Saddam will try every trick of emotional blackmail; the best counters are to keep repeating the facts, both about his complete disregard for the suffering of Iraqis, who all these years could have had enough medicines, food and other daily necessities with the blessing of the UN, and about the acute danger Iraq's weapons programmes present to its neighbours and the world. The only unequivocal success would be the fall of the man who is the cause of it all. Weakening him may be within the capacity of airstrikes; removing him is probably not. That has been a good reason for reluctance to use force. It is not a reason for backing away. A clear and present danger presents an equally clear military necessity. As before, it is Saddam who has forced the world to that grim conclusion.

PACTS BRITANNICA

Less constructive opposition than constructive engagement

One of Tony Blair's most successful political ploys has been to turn opponents into allies. By picking off people who sit just to the right of Labour, he broadened respectable holder of power. Last May he used this technique on voters. Ever since,

he has been applying it to politicians. Tories have been individually suborned to serve on government taskforces. And the Liberal Democrats have been suborned with a joint consultative committee which. until now, has concentrated on constitutional reform. In addition to influence with a Government that had no need to involve Lib Dems at all, Paddy Ashdown can also watch the enactment of traditional Liberal policies, such as devolution, proportional representation for Scotland, Wales and Europe, incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights. Lords

reform, and freedom of information. All that remains to be agreed is PR for Westminster. And this, for Mr Blair, is the problem. The Liberals have been pocketing each constitutional reform and then demanding the next. What is left may be a change too far for Labour. Rather than spend every joint committee meeting arguing about when or whether to hold a referendum on the Jenkins proposals, it makes sense for him to broaden the agenda of the meetings and to talk about other less

immediate matters. Widening co-operation with the Lib

Dems has other merits too for Mr Blair. It is not only the quarterly committee meetings that will consider subjects such as welfare reform, Europe and modernising Dem spokesmen will be consulted by ministers about policy announcements. These "bilaterals" are likely to narrow the opposition that Labour sustains; if the Lib Dems have been squared, only the Tories will speak out against government policies.

This taming of the centre party is not necessarily good news for the country. Constructive opposition could turn into mealy-mouthed constructive engagement. A voice of criticism - even if it is not always

a very sensible voice - would be silenced. One reason why Mr Blair involves the Lib Dems in government, even though he has a majority of 179, is that in a later election he may find himself less comfortably placed. Far better for him if he can then rely on the votes of reasonably moderate Lib Dem MPs rather than being held hostage by the far Left in his own party.

This would be better for the country too. But Tory voters, those wanting a more complete rejection of Labour, may see matters rather differently. Some Lib Dem supporters may peel away in disgust at Mr Ashdown's closeness to Labour. But the closer the two parties become, the easier it will be for Mr Blair to achieve what he has always wanted - a realignment of the

Centre-Left - without the need for PR.

GOLD STARS

Reward good schools with cash as well as praise

The State's provision of education has always suffered from a deep flaw: neither schools nor teachers are rewarded for success. Yesterday, it emerged that ministers are considering radical ideas to remedy this. Under their proposals, if schools hit specified performance targets exam results or other indicators - they would receive extra money, which the head teacher would give to staff as a bonus. This bold proposal should form part of the consultation on the reform of teachers' pay.

to be published next month. Such a drastic policy is needed to resurrect teaching as an attractive profession. Pay, and the perception that staffrooms have become the bastion of the practitioners of progressive theories, have helped to deter bright graduates from entering the profession. Recruitment for some subjects is perilously low: to fill all the vacancies for maths teachers, half of Britain's maths graduates would need to join the profession.

This Government and its predecessor have tried to tackle this problem by focusing on the system's failures, not successes. Although ministers have an array of sticks - such as closing failing schools - they have few carrots. A school that consistently excels in league tables is rewarded by less interference from local authorities and inspectors, but not more money. Government forays to introduce a

performance-related element into teachers' pay have so far been limited. Head teachers' top pay has been raised to £70,000, while experienced teachers can earn up to £40,000 if they remain in their classrooms and resist the temptations of managerial positions. Yet these are pinpricks compared with the idea of linking schools' progress with cash benefits.

Ministers can be sure that this policy is worth considering as the National Union of Teachers greeted it with groans. Parents will be bemused by the union's opposition to linking pay with performance. Why should a leacher whose class scores above-average results year after year be paid the same as another teacher, in a school with similar intake, whose class underperforms year after year? Enlightened unions welcomed the proposal, while advising caution. Any performance-related system should not be based solely on exam results, but must reflect progress on other indicators. A school with high levels of truancy cannot be expected to achieve good academic results if its classrooms are empty: it deserves a reward if it succeeds in getting pupils back at their desks.

This policy will change the terms of the education debate. For decades, it has been focused on how much the government is spending. It is time to move on and consider the more relevant issue: how that money is spent.

chairman" on the Internet. It is a curious anomaly that, in a modern mature democracy, those charged by Parliament with governing a power-

ganisation in the public interest rarely appear on television to explain or seek public approval for the decisions they make on our behalf.

Few outside the industry under-

All Saints House, High Street, nationalvala@compuserve.com November 3.

c-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

your radio schedule. The Radio 4 schedule for November

shipping forecast.

Yours truly. CHRISTOPHER LEE,

goes off the rails From Major Peter Hampson. The King's Own Royal Border Regiment (reld)

Entente cordiale

Sir. The suggestion that Waterloo station should be renamed (report and leading article, November 6: letters. November 7) confirms much of what I have long suspected about the French, their struggle with the reality of pre-20th-century history and frank-

ly their continued inability to lose

with grace. During my time in the Army I came across several of their attempts to remove physical reminders of largely irrelevant events, of which the return of Sandhurst's Waterloo cannons was typical. My own regiment was frequently asked to return the drums of the French 34th of Foot. I vividly recall the day our French counterpans in Berlin failed to show up for a mess function linked to our Peninsular War Arroyo Day, marking the 1811 battle

at which the drums were captured. l suppon Councillor Florent Longuepèe's suggestion that the Gare du Nord should be renamed Foniency after a by now obscure, and let's be honest rare. French victory, It would give them a perfect concertunity to demonstrate how they should react to

historic events. My old regiment was awarded a laurel wreath in honour of its conspicuous action at Fontenoy in 1745. Should there ever be a renaming ceremony for the Gare Fontency, I am sure that it would be delighted to parade, operational commitments permitting, and perhaps troop its Arroyo

Yours faithfully. PETER HAMPSON, c/o British Resorts Association. 8 Post Office Avenue. Southport. Merseyside PR9 OUS. November 11.

From Mt Graham S. Brown

Sir. M Longuepée - what a splendid and martial name - seems to have provoked both the Anglo-Saxon and the Norman-French in our national psyche, to judge from your letters columns.

The former has loosed the withering fire of our longbows. The latter, if not crossing swords with him, has parried his appeal to Europeanism by seeing in the thrust of his suggestion a feint for French wounded pride.

Let us concede, without dropping our guard, that M Longuepee has a point, and forget the battles of the 19th century. "Normandy Landing Beaches Station" would salute the country landfall of the Tunnel, which Water-

loo does not. It would also be a reminder to all who arrive there of the sacrifice of the English-speaking peoples to the free-ing of continental Europe from tyranny and to the liberation of

France from occupation. I am, Sir, yours faithfully, GRAHAM S. BROWN, 10 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2A 3QG.

From Mr David Davies

November 12.

Sir, The Gare du Nord has indeed been renamed, albeit unofficially. On account of the arrival and departure of several thousand Eurostar passengers daily between Paris and London. t has become known as the Gare de Londres.

Parisians, always so cosmopolitan. have a way of taking such matters out of the hands of their elected representatives.

Sir, The suggestion that Waterloo

station be renamed must be consid-

ered in the light of the seriousness in

which it is proposed. All endeavour,

especially on the part of our French

neighbours, to work in a spirit of

closeness and co-operation towards

an ever closer union is to be

Yours faithfully, DAVID DAVIES. 52 Cheylesmore House. Ebury Bridge Road, SWIW SQZ. November 10.

From Mt Anthony Nixon

Forthcoming



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 10: The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon left Dublin in the Republic of Ireland and later arrived at City Airport, Belfast. Northern Ireland.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, afterwards attended the General Council at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant o

the County Borough of Belfast (Colonel Elliott Wilson).
The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Concert for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast.
BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November It: The Duke of Edinburgh. Parron and Trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning attended the General Council at the Waterfront Hall. Belfast, Northern Ireland.

His Royal Highness this after-noon opened the British Telecom Headquarters at the Riverside Tower, Belfast, and later opened the Hilton Hotel, Belfast. The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron

and Trustee, The Duke of Edin burgh's Award, this evening attended a Dinner at the Hilton Hotel. BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 12: The Queen. Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Green Jackets. oday received Lieutenant Colonel James Gordon upon relinguishing his appointment as Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion and Lieuter ant Colonel Nicholas Carter upon

assuming the appointment.

Major General Robert Fulton was received by Her Majesty upon his appointment as Commandant General Royal Marines.

The following were received in audience by The Queen upon their appointment as British High Com-missioners: Mr Brian Connelly the Kingdom of Tonga) and Mr Edward Glover (the Co-operative Republic of Guyana). Mrs Connelly and Mrs Glover

were also received by Her Majesty. The following were received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon their appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassadors: Mr Alan Collins [the Republic of the Philippines], Miss Caroline Elmes [the Republic of Angola] and Mr Gavin Hewitt (the Republic of

Mrs Collins was also received by The Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon opened the new Belfast

International Airport Check in Hall and departed Belfast International Airport for Switzerland. His Royal Highness, President Emeritus, World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, later

arrived at Berne Belp Airport. The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently attended the closing session of the World Wide Fund for Nature Annual Conference and presented The Duke of Edinurgh's Conservation Medal at the Grand Hotel Beau Rivage, Inter-

His Royal Highness this evening attended a World Wide Fund for Nature International Dinner at the Hotel Victoria Jungfrau, Interlaken. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis is

in attendance. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale (Baroness in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Sir David Hunt (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil) which was held in St Margaret's

Church Westminster Abbev. Lon

don, today. Princess Alice. Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Major Nicholas Barne. CLARENCE HOUSE

November 12: Lieutenant Colonel Alasdair Loudon today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 1st

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Bradford also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion The Black Watch [Royal Highland ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 12: The Prince of Wales, President, the Phoenix Trust, this morning attended a trustees meet-ing at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust, this afternoon launched the Prince's Trust/Camel-ot Foundation Mentor Scheme for care leavers at Park Square East. Regent's Park, London.

The Prince of Wales later attended the Young Artists' Britain Award ceremony in the Cartoon Gallery, Hampton Court Palace, His Royal Highness this evening held a Banquet in the Great Hall. Hampton Court Palace, to open the exhibition Travels

with the Prince". BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 12: The Prince Edward, Chairman, International Council The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this morning left Heathrow Airport. London, for Malta and was received on arrival by the British High Commissioner (H is Excellency Mr Graham Archer).

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception and Dinner at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Sliema, for the International Council's delegates. Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dw-

yer is in attendance. BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 12: The Princess Royal President. Animal Health Trust. this morning attended a Council of Management Meeting and this afternoon attended an Industry Committee Meeting at Lanwades Park, Kentford, Newmarket, and was received by Her Majesry's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (the

Lord Reletearly Her Royal Highness, Colonelin-Chief, The Royal Logistic Corps, accompanied by Commodore Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended a Dinner at The Princess Royal Barracks, Deepcut, Camber ley, Surrey.

key, surrey.

KENSINGTON PALACE

November 12: The Duke of
Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-inChief, The Royal Logistic Corps,
this evening attended a Dituter at The Princess Royal Barracks, Deencut, Camberley, Surrey. ST JAMES'S PALACE

November 12: The Duke of Kent. Chairman of the National Electronies Council, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting and the Mountbatten Lecture at

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Gala Concert at the Wigmore Hall, London, THATCHED HOUSE LODGE November 12: Princess Alexandra President, this evening attended the Armistice Ball at the Royal Star and Garter Home. Richmond,

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit the White Tower at the Tower of London at 11.30. Later they will host a reception at Buckingham Palace to mark the 50th birthday of the Prince of Wales in recognition of the achievements of the many organisations linked with His Royal Highness, who will attend with representative from those organisations at 60.

ganisations at 6.00. The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend a reception at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at 4.00.
The Princess Royal will attend a

reception at the annual session of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Assembly at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 12.30; will open the new Edinburgh Dental Insti-tute at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Lauriston Place, at 11.00; as patron, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, will visit the School and attend the Leverhulme Lecture, Pembroke Place, Liver-pool, at 3.05, and will attend their centenary dinner at Liverpool Town Hall at 7.30.

Dinners

University of Bristol The Lord-Lieutenant for Bristol, Mr Jay Tidmarsh, attended a dinner held for patrons and friends of the University of Bristol last night at the Institution of Civil Engineers, London, to mark the seventh anniversary of the launch of "Campaign for Resource". Sir Michael Angus, leader of the Campaign, presided in the pres-ence of Sir Jeremy Morse, Chancellor, Mr Moger Woolley, Chairman of Council, and Sir John Kingman. Vice-Chancelior. Other guests in-cluded the Earl of Limerick, Dame Bridget Ogilvie, Lady Merrison, Mr Eddie O'Gorman, Brigadier Hugh Pye and Mr and Mrs Arnold Denman. Since the "Cam-paign for Resource" was launched in 1991 an investment approaching £58 million has been raised for the

City Heritage Society Mr C. Douglas Woodward, Chairman of the City Heritage Society, and Mrs Woodward received the guests at a dinner held last night at Pewterers' Hall to mark the society's 25th anniversary. Sir Lawrence Verney, Chairman, and Mr Norman Searle were the speakers,

The London Institute
Mr Julian E. Markham, Chairman of the London Institute Court of Governors, was the host at a dinner for members of the Court held last night at the London Institute Gallery, Davies Street, Wl. Special presentations were made to five retiring Governors: Mr Robert Bright, Mr Alan Rap-kin, Mrs Jenifer Rosenberg, OBE. Mr Allan Warner and Ms Judith Warner.

Gray's lun The Treasurer of Gray's Inn, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, and Masters of the Bench entertained the following guests at dinner in Hall last night it being Grand Day of

last night it being Grand Day of the Michaelmas Term.

Lord Browne-Wildinson. Lord Nolan, Sir Martin Nourse, Field Marshal Sir Nigel Bagrail, Sir David Calcut, QC (treasurer, Middle Temple), Mr Stephen Lander, Lady Britain, Miss Heuther Hallett. QC, Dr David Docherty, Mr Simon Bowns Lyon, Miss Libby Purves, the Rev Roger Holloway (preacher), Mr David Machin (under-utes-uter) and Mr Anthony Losh (estates bursar). High Court Journalists Association The amiversary diumer of the High Court Journalists' Association was held last night at Middle Temple Hall. Mr Robert Williams, Editor of the Law Reports and chairman of the association, welcomed the presses. Mr bards Easter and Mr Instine

chairman of the association, welcomed the guess. Mr Justice Eady and Mr Justice Morison. President of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, who spoke. Jewish Memorial Council Mr and Mrs Edmand de Rothschild were the husts at a dimer held last night at Spencer House. St Jumer's Place, to mark the 80th anniversary of the Jewish Memorial Council. Mr Jack Straw, Homes Secretary, was the guest of honour and speaker. Mr Edgar Astaire, chairman of the council, presided. The Chief Rabbit and Sir Surphen Waley-Cohen also spoke.



Regina Krahl, curator of the 100 Masterpieces of Imperial Chinese Ceramic exhibition, with a rare 15th-century Imperial Ming jar. The exhibition opens at the Royal Academy next Tuesday

Birthdays today Sir Ewart Bell, former civil serv-ant, 74: the Most Rev George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, 63; Sir John Coles, former diplomat, 61; Miss Whoopi Goldberg, actress, 43; Lord Jacobs, 67; the Rev Patricia Johns, former Headnistress. St Mary's School, Wan-tage, 65; Mr Kenneth Kemp, former chairman, Smith and Neph-ew, 71; Major-General J.D. Lunt, 81; Mr John B. McGuckian, chairman, Ulster Television. 59; Dr Basil Morson, clinical pathologist, 77; Admiral Sir William O'Brien, 82; Miss Alexandra Shulman, Editor, British Vogue, 41; Sir Donald Thompson, former MP, 67; Sir Miles Walker, former Chief Minister, Isle of Man Govern-ment, 58.

Bristol Grammar School

The Board of Governors of Bristol Grammar School announce the appointment of Dr David Mascord, BA, PhD, as Headmaster to succeed Mr Charles Martin on his retirement in August 1999. Dr Mascord Is presently Deputy Headmaster of Bristol Grammar School.

The Purcell School The Governors of The Purcell School have appointed Mr John Tolputt to be Headmaster, in succession to Mr John Bain. Mr Tolputt, who is at present Head-master of Rendomb College, Cirencester, will take up his appointment on September 1, 1999.

Reception Middle East International

Sir Dennis Walters, Chairman, and Directors of Middle East International held a reception last night at the Royal Thames Yacht Club to mark the occasion of the re-design of the publication Mid-

Service dinner **Fylde Officers' Association**

The High Sheriff of Lancashire was the principal civil guest at the annual dinner of the Pylde Officers' Association held at the Savoy Hotel, Blackpool, last night, Air Commodure K.J.M. Proctor, Acting Chief Executive, Maintenance Group Defence Agency, was the

Memorial service

Sir David Hunt

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Baroness Ramsay of Cartvale at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir David Hunt. a former diplomat, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. Princess Alice Duchess of

Gloucester was represented by Major Nicholas Barne. The Rev Roger Holloway, Priest Vicar, officiated. Archbishop Gre-

orios of Thyateira and Great Britain said prayers in Greek. Mr Magnus Magnusson, KBE, and Lord Blaker read the lessons. Mr Constantine Leventis, Ambassador of Cyprus to UNESCO, read from the works of Thucydides. Sir Alcon Copisarow gave an address. Mrs Elizabeth Bond, mezzo soprano, accompanied by Mr Simon Over, piano, sang the aria from Orleo ed Euridice by Gluck

and da Calzabigi.
The Rev J. H. Payne was robed

and seated in the Sanctuary. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by Sir John Birch, the Permanent Under Secretary and Head of the Diplomatic Service by Sir Michael Palliser and the Commonwealth Secretary Gen-eral by Mr Richard Gold. Among

eral by Mr Richard Gold. Among others present were: Lady Hunt (wikow), Mr Richard Hunt (son). Dr Thomas and Or Margaret White forother-in-law and sister). Or and Mrs Michael Neophylon (brother-in-law and sister-in-law). Mr and Mrs Edward S Milher, Mrs Margaret Thornhill, Mrs C Levenis, Mrs Louis Levenis, Mr George Levenis, Mr Philip Hunt, Mr and Mrs A P Levenis, Mr and Mrs C Levenis, Mr Philip Hunt, Mr and Mrs A P Levenis, Mr and Mrs C Levenis, Mr Anastesia Papadopoulos. Dr David White, Mrs Call White, Dr Richard and Or Macy Cole, Mr and Mrs John McKean, Miss Helen McKean, Mr and Mrs Kyrlakides.

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and Miss R.J. Twyford The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr Bill Woodward, QC, and Mrs Woodward, of Beeston, Nortingham, and Rebecca, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Twyford, of Wollaton, Nottingham.

and Mrs Frank Mansfield, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Carol, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs. Douglas Spencer, of Great Billing, Normampion.

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The angagement is announced between Luke, son of Judge and Mrs David Martineau, of Bedford Gardens, Kensington, London, and Arabella Lucy Kirwan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Taylor, of Addison Road, Kensingion. London.

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and Miss C.B. Moore The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mrs Clarice Peet and the late Mr Frederick Peet, of Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs David

Marriages

Mr P. McFerran and Miss S-R.A. Hodgres The marriage took place in Cy-prus, on Thursday, November 5, between Peter McFerran, son of the late Mr and Mrs Ian McFerran, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Sally-Rose Alice Hodgins, only daughter of the Reverend and Mrs Eric Hodgins, of Coine Engaine, Col-

Mr B. Munro and Miss C.M. Price-White The marriage took place quietly in-London, on Thursday. November 12 of Bruce Munro to Carolyn Price-White, both of Thaxted, Es-

Luncheon

Consular Corps of London Mr Gavin Casey, Chief Executive of the London Stock Exchange, was the guest of honour at the monthly luncheon of the Consular Corps of London held vesterday as the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel. Mr Lawrence Landau, president, was in the chair.

Receptions

HM Government Mrs Barbara Roche, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Small Firms, Department of Trade and Industry, was the host at a reception held yesterday at Lancaster House on the occasion of the annual meeting of the UK-Korea Forum for the Future.

British Safety Council Sir Neville Purvis, Director General of the British Safety Council, was the host at a reception held yesterday at Butchers' Hall for the Five Star Health and Safety Management System Audit awards.

Service reunion

Royal College of Defence Studies Vice-Admiral J.H.S. McAnally, Commandant, was the host at the annual reunion of past members of the Imperial Defence College/Royal College of Defence Studies held yesterday at Seaford House, Lon-don. Dr John Oliver of IDC 1954 was the senior guest celebrating 45 vears membetship.

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elected President of the French

Church news Appointments

The Rev Michael Moulder, Priestin-Charge, Edenhope (Ballarat, Australia), to be Curate, Tividale (Lichfield). The Rev William Mowll, Vicar.

pringe (same diocese). The Rev Owen Murphy, Assistant Curate, Watford St Michael and

Vicar, Halesworth with Linstead, Chediston, Hutton St Peter, Blyford. Spexhall, Wissett and Walpole (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich), to be also Rural Dean of Halesworth (same diocese).

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BIRTHS ACHESON-GRAY - On November 10th 1998, to Miranda [née Wilson] and Colin, a daughter, Emily Mary, a sister for Lucy.

ASHWOTTH-KWASNEK - On 2nd November 1993, to Fione and Selton, a beloved son, Benjamin Chaucer Alexander, a dear brother for Georgina. BARTON - On November 8th AN1019 - On November of 1998, to Frances (née Emrys-Roberts) and Henry, a daughter, Susunnah Clare Emrys, a sinter for Jessica and

DIONISIOU - On November 7th at The Portland Hospital to Efy and Dean GILFILLAN -On Friday

November 5th, in Cape Town, to Caroline, mée Gibson) and Andrew, a daughter, Tatiana | Anua Hélène Marjory, a sister for Daisy and Harry. HIBBERO - Go November 5th 1998, to Jane (née Mahony) and Mike, a son, James Michael Donald, a brother

LLOYD - On November 7th to Caroline inée Staunton) and Jonathan, a daughter Charlotte Anne. ACCOMMELL - On Novembe 5th at The Portland Hospital to Alfric Nichathmhaoil and Isn, s

son Oscar. ONSLOW - On 12th November, to Tame Fox) and Robert, a

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at Winchester to Emma (pée Vaile) and Kevin, a

BIRTHS

GOLDEN **ANNIVERSARIES**

SAMMONS - On November 10th at The Portland Hospital to Joanna Ince Benson) and Oliver, a daughter, Miriam, a sixter for Samuel.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Lt. Col.
Charles Patrick, late of A
& SH, peacefully on 12th
November. Much loved
husband of Chris and
loving father and
grandfather. Funeral
Service at Salen Parish
Church, lale of Mull, at
1.30pm on 19th November,
to be followed at Charlie's
request by a celebration of
his life. Transport from
12.00pm ferry from Oban.
Crematorium Service at
Perth Crematorium on
20th November. Family
flowers only, please.
Donations to Clydesdale
Bank, Tobermory, to be
used to purchase
equipment for Dunaros
Hospital, Salen.

ANNAKIN - Jane, died peacefully on November 11th, 1998 at the Royal Maraden Hospital aged 54. A funeral service will be field at the United Reformed Church in Allen Street, Kensington at 9.45 am on Monday 16th November, followed by an toterment beside her beloved life-companion Roger Williams at the Gunnerabury Cesnatery, 143 Gunerabury Avenue. persbury Ces 143 Gamerabury Avenne, W3 at 1 1am. At 11.45 am. mmediately following the interment, there will be a gathering at the Black. Llon, Hammeramith. Please send any flowers to

Please send any flowers to the church; donations may be made to the Royal Marsden Hospital.

WALKER - Bill and Jean Happy Anniversary Mun and Dad. Love See and

DEATHS

dison Green) efully on 11th unber in her 91st yes November in her Sist year Much loved by daughter Sue and son-in-law Roy and friend of many. Funeral at St. Augustine's Church, Brozbourne at 12.45pm on Friday 20th November followed, at her request, by a celebration builet lunch. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Britah Red Cross or Isshel Hospice (2 Powells, Wattoo Road, Ware. Tel:01920 463200.

SERIOSOVA - Svetlana.
Ballerina with The Royal
Baller from 1952 to 1975.
Died peacefully at the
Pembridge Unit, St.
Charler's Hospital.
London, on Toeedry,
November 10th, 1998, after
a short illness borne with
immense courage and immense courage and patience. She will be deeply missed by all who loved her. Funeral Service at All Seints Russian Orthodox Cathedral, 67 Ennismore Gardens, London SW7 on Thursday London SW7 on Inursity,
November 19th 1998, at
12.30pm, to be followed by
a private cremation. No
flowers please, but
donations if desired to The
Camper Research
Campaign, 10 Cambridge
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atr.

BAM - Hester Christian (nee

BROWN - Marjorie Mande inde Freeman) oo November 8th, at home. Devoted with for 62 years of Basil, mother of Tony and Susan, and grandmother of Nick, Kate, Simon, Jonathan and Robin. Funeral service at Worthing Cremstorium on Taursday, 19th November at 2 pm. Family Rowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Army Benevolent Fund, c/o H. D. Tribe, Lid., Funeral Directors, 63 See Lane, Rustington, Susseez, Tel: 01903 787188.

ESPLEY - On 10th November 1993, after a short illness, Peter Derek, much loved husband of Valerie, father of Diane, Linda and Martin, father-in-law of Gill and grandlather of Charlotte and Georgette. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Service, Worthing Crematorium Findon, on Wednesday 18th November at 3.20pm. Family and close friends flowers, only, please. Donations if desired for Cancer Research may be sent c/o F A Holland and Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Susser. Tel:01903 713939.

GBSON - John (O.I.L.) of Rochester died pescefully after a long illness bravely borne at Maidatone Hospital on November 9th aged 58. Beloved husband of Julia, dearly loved father of Steven, Elizabeth and Clare, Funeral Service at Medway Crematorium, Chatham, Kaut on 18th November at 3.40pm. November at 3.40pm.
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Margaret CBE, FEP, FBA,
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on Tuesday 17th
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Church, The High, Oxford
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To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

GUDERA - Major (Retd) PM (Paddy). Died suddenly November 9th at his home, 'Willowfield', 3 Boltnsconnell Road, Nutta Boltnaconnell Road Corner, Co. Antrim. Deeply regretted by The President and Members of the Territorial Auxiliary and Volunteer Associatio for Northern Ireland.

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Funeral Friday 13th
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America Appeal Fund" c/o
Bairds of Antrim, 71
Church Street, Antrim,
PTA1 485 HUSSEM - Mona Abbond, aged 75 years, on Tuesday 10th November, peacefully in hospital after a stroke. Dearly loved wife of the late Mohamed All Hussein, beloved mother of Nadia and Ahmed, cherished grandmother of Karim and Tarsk. Will be greatly missed by all. Service at Brookwood Cametery near Woking, Surrey on 13th November at 3.30p.m.

Nught - On November 11th The Rev. Ben Knight, MA, OHC, formerly RAF Chaplain, died pescefully in South Africa while on boliday with his wife Dorothy Mary, and sister Georgina. A Memorial Service to be arranged in this country.

LPSIEN - Gwyneth Mary (náe Herford) died pascefully at home in Cambridge on Thuraday 12th November agod 88 years. Dear wife of lifty four years to Kurt, mothe of Diana and Eve and beloved grandmother. LIVINGSTONE-LEARNONTH On November 10th 1998 suddenly but peacefully INMISTONE-LEARMONTHOn November 10th 1998
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stepmother of Dinah and
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Service at Easton Grey
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November 17th. LONG - Gerald. Died Paris 8th November 1988. Much loved husband, isther and grandfather. Funeral at Pere Lechaise Crematorium on Wednesday 18th vember at 11.15 am

LOVE - Dudley Bond, former Director of Education of Solihuli, served in Middlesex Yeomany and Indian Army 1936-1945, died suddenly on November 9th aged 84. Much loved and devoted husband of Subhles and father of Susan, Mark, Timothy and Charlotte, who will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at 2.00pm on Tuesday 17th November at St. Andrew's Church, Walberswick, Suffolk, Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Vellore Medical College and Hospital, South India, PO Box 25122 London SWIV 3WD.

O'BRIEN - Dom Paul Gregory mank of Ampleforth co 10th November 1998 fortified by the Rites of the Church. Requism Mass Monday 16th November, 12 occur at Ampleforth Abboy.

RANDALL - Edward (Ted), MBE, ex F&CO, widower of Alms. 32 years, peacefully, 9th November, Ashford, Middlesez. If desired, donations only to RNLI, Pools.

RAE - On the 10th November 1998, peacefully at his home, Garrieston, Dunscore, Dunsfriesshira, Coorge Rae, dearly loved husband and best friend of

MEDIAND - Dorothy, of Thames Ditton, Surroy, on 10th November 1998, peacefully in bospital after a short illness. Dearly loved wife of Philip, mother of Sara and grandmother of Katharino, Michael and Hilary, Funeral at Randalis Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, 10.30 am Wednesday 18th November: Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Garner's Tel: 0181 3904996.

husband and best friend of Edna May nee Thurm, a loving lather, grandfather and grout-grandfather. Service at Cloister Chapel Warriston Cramstoriom, Edinburgh on Tuesday 17th November at 10.30am to which all friends are respectfully invited to attend. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, can be given to the Marie Curie Nurses at the service. ROCHE - Major Terence Joh died suddenly on November I th 1988 aged 71. Beloved husband of Tessa, brother of Brian and Pat, lather of Flona and Teresa, lather of Flona of Chris and Mark, and grandfather of his darling boys Nicholas. Jinzary. Matthew, Bunt, Coorge and Henry. He will be dearly

Henry, He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. No flowers. Denations to the Corone Care Unit at Yeovi) District Hospital, SCRASE - Minnie, Pesceluli SCRASE - Minnia. Pescaluli; at Summeriands Lodge of the 11th November 1898. Beloved wifin of Charles and much loved grandmother of Pippa. Ismie and Alsuna. Service at Thanet Crematorium, Thursday. 19th November at 11.20m. Minnie will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

SULLIVAN - Peggy of Kensington, formerly of Ebbw Vale, aged 76, or Novamber 11th 1998 at Trinity Hospico, after a long iliness. She was the kindest, most selfiess person in the wholn worl WALLACE - Carew Vincent on November 7th aged 89. Much loved father of Robin and Stuart and grandfather of Helen. Privato cremsilon. A Memorial Service will be held in the Spring. Details will be announced tater. IVYNAM - Margaret Ann at home on 10th November. Widow of James and greatly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral, 11.30am Wednesday 18th

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OBITUARIES

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tune to be the first director

of The Mousetrap, the

Agatha Christie whodun-

nit which opened in 1952 and

proceeded to run for ever. As

misfortunes go, it was not without

compensations: by insisting on a

royalty for his work on the show,

instead of the flat fee he was

offered, Cotes secured a handsome

income for the rest of his life.

Nevertheless, he deserves to be

remembered for several achieve-

ments more significant than that

(in every sense) mysterious success.

1950s and 1960s as a film and

television director: he was for a time

senior drama producer for Associat-

ed Rediffusion TV. He was also a

prolific author of biographies and

books about true crime. But his best

work was done in the theatre, in the

years just before The Mousetrap

in the late 1940s Cotes was

something of a theatrical enfant terrible. He was a leading figure in

the independent theatre clubs which

flourished at a time when commer-

cial theatre was subject both to the

Lord Chamberlain's blue pencil and

to the whim of the all-powerful impresario Hugh "Binkie" Beau-

mont, of the West End management

Club theatres offered freedom

from censorship and from manage-

ment interference. The Lord Cham-

berlain chose not to extend his

remit to private performances in

venues such as the New Lindsey

and New Boltons clubs in London.

company HM Tennent.

made him rich.

Cotes had an active career in the

Peter Cotes, actor, producer and or Manchester's Library Theatre, director, died on November 10 and it was with ventures such as aged 86. He was born on these that Cotes made his name as March 19, 1912.

a producer of challenging new drama. Cotes found the tyranny of the star system if anything even more repugnant than censorship. He was a passionate advocate of a group approach to theatre, one which aimed to serve playwrights and their plays, rather than one in which play and production had to revolve around the demands of the leading players. Cotes outlined his views in a polemical book in 1948, and was hrave enough to put them into practice even when directing the great actor-manager Donald Wolfit in Ibsen's The Master Builder.

Cotes's commitment to theatrical democracy was not unconditional, however. He was a perfectionist who demanded a great deal of his actors, and while he refused to let actors or managements after an author's text to suit their own ends, he was not above making changes himself. One playwright protested after a first night that his play was so garbled and changed I wanted to throw it back at them and tell them to call it a play by Peter Cotes".

But he never subscribed to the cult of the director, either in the theatre or on film, and was critical of those who were "absorbed with the decor, costumes and camera angles, at the expense of acting". In the final analysis, he felt, "its actors and its playwrights are what a production must rely on". From the 1960s onwards, that was not a fashionable view.

Cotes's reluctance to compromise seemed to become more marked over the years. He was oddly sensiove in the maner of his contribution to The Mousetrop,



Cotes: success with The Mousetrap overshadowed a varied career

1990s, to newspaper articles which overlooked his role, and going so far as to reproduce in an appendix to his 1993 autobiography every positive reference to his directing from the show's original reviews. He was an enthusiastic litigant. Cotes's real name - the one he

demanding corrections, even in the used in court - was Sydney Arthur Rembrandt Boulting. His theatri-cal pseudonym, derived from a house called "Northcotes" in which he had lived as a child, was taken to avoid any confusion with his younger siblings John and Roy, the famous Boulting Brothers, "the British film twins".

He was born in in Maidenhead. to parents who had been actors in South Africa and who retained a great love of the stage. He was stagestruck from an early age, becoming a regular theatregoer at the age of four, when he was handed over the footlights at the Porismouth Hippodrome to present a bouquet to the male impersonator Vesta Tilley. He was "filmstruck", too, and he and his brothers were regulars at Maidenhead's two principal cinemas.

Showing early theatrical talent, he entertained wounded troops in the hospitals of the South Coast during the First World War, accompanied by his mother on the piano. He made his first proper stage appearance at the Drury Lane Theatre, as a page in Henry V.

As preparation for a theatrical career, he was sent to the Italia Conti stage school, where his contemporaries included Jack Hawkins. He played boys parts for some years, appearing in produc-tions of Peter Pan (a play which obsessed him, and which he longed to stage in an authentic, non-pantomime production) and understudy-ing John Mills in Cavalcade at Drury Lane in 193t and the protean Nelson Keys in Bow Bells at the Hippodrome the following year.

He found regular roles as an actor in films, plays, revues and cabaret throughout the 1930s. On the outbreak of war he joined the Queen's Westminster Rifles but was invalided out and returned to the theatre. working in repertory in Bristol. Worthing and Tunbridge Wells.

It was after the war that he found his real vocation, when he turned to directing. He took over the New Lindsey, a tiny club theatre in London's Notting Hill, in April

1946. Three months later he produced the play which established his reputation as a champion of independent drama. Pick-Up Girl, by the American playwright Elsa Shelley, dealt frankly with such topics as juvenile delinquency and venereal disease. The play would normally have had no chance of a licence from the Lord Chamberlain, but after it had - rather improbably -- been seen and approved by Queen Mary (apparently under the impression that it was by Somerset Maugham), it

unaltered - to the West End. The following year Cotes and his wife, the actress Joan Miller, took a company on an Arts Council tour of the South Wales coalfields, performing Priestley's An Inspector Calls and Eugene O'Neill's Anna Chrisne. This was followed in 1948 by a move to Manchester, and the founding of the Peter Cotes Players at the Library Theatre.

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Cotes returned to the capital in 1950, reopening the Boltons theatre in South Kensington as the New Boltons in November that year. There he staged private producoons of Lillian Hellman's lesbian play The Children's Hour and A Pin to See the Peepshow, an account of the Thompson-Bywaters murder case, both of which had been refused a licence for public

performance. Cotes's work in these independent theatres at this ome embodied the values he set out in his book No Star Nonsense. Written in what he later called "the white hot hear of passion", the book argued that stars as stars must be swept right out of the theatre".

That belief was only strength-ened by Cotes's experience of

working for Binkie Beaumont in the West End: engaged to direct Deep are the Roots, a Broadway drama about racial prejudice, he was sacked after only two days of rehearsal, having taken exception to the leading actor's views of how the play should be done.

A less painful, and much more lucrative, experience of the commercial theatre came when he accepted a suggestion from Richard Attenborough to discuss with the manager Peter Saunders an Agatha Christie play called *Three Blind Mice.* With the play's title changed to The Mousetrap. Cotes's production opened at the Theatre Royal, Nottingham, in October 1952. After almost two months on tour it moved into the Ambassadors' in the West End, where it remained.

Cotes was proud of his work on The Mousetrap, even though it was in no sense an artistic match for some of his other productions, and he was quick to take issue with anyone who tried to belittle it. He and Saunders soon fell out, not least over Cotes's shrewd insistence on being paid a 1.5 per cent royalty on the takings and his refusal to be bought out for a flat fee. He never

went back to see the show. In all Cotes directed almost seventy theatre productions. From the 1950s onwards he devoted more time to his parallel television career. He also directed and acted in films. His many books include lives of Charlie Chaplin, George Robey, and Sir John and Lady Barbirolli, as well as studies of famous trials and a volume of autobiography.

His first marriage, to Myfanwy Jones, was dissolved. His second wife, the Canadian-born actress Joan Miller, died in 1988.

HENRY JAMES

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HENRY JAMES had the unique distinction of being press secretary to four postwar Prime Ministers. He was always elegant and precise, and his rather urbane air concealed a hard and incisive practicality in keeping with his Black Country roots.

Yet he will be remembered as much for his inspirational leadership of the Central Office of Information and the Government Information Service between 1974 and 1978 as for his belief that his role at 10 Downing Street was to provide a service to the press.

Henry Leonard James was educated at King Edward VI School, Birmingham, and was originally destined to be a mathematician. But, perhaps under the influence of his future wife, Sylvia, he entered the Ministry of Health in 1938. By 1948 his writing talent had brought him to London as the founding editor of the Ministry of National Insurance publication The Window. He comhined this role with that of drama critic and London correspondent for a Birmingham newspaper.

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chief press officer at the Ministry of Education for a year, 1963-64. His comprehensive grounding in all the facets of the media enabled him to champion the "clunk click" seatbelt campaign which set the standards for future public education programmes. He will undoubtedly he best remembered for his periods in Downing Street with Douglas-Home, Edward Heath, Har-

old Wilson and Margaret Thatcher. But, despite the blandishments of publishing houses and others, he refused all offers to go into print about his years as the principal conduit for information between the head of government and the world's media.

The relationships and contidence James established with the American media while working for Harold Wilson helped to strengthen the socalled "special relationship" at a critical time. And he played an important part in persuading the world to see 1960s London as a "swinging" city and Britain as the leader of the

technology revolution. At the end of this period James moved into the private sector as board adviser on public relations at Vickers. But his period there was shortlived. He was seconded back to

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emment. After seeing his successor. Bernard Ingham, into the Downing Street hot seat, James joined the world of pensions and insurance as the first director general of the National Association of Pension Funds. It was a return to the field of his early Civil Service experience, at a time when government policy had opened the market to private

and portable pension schemes. He spent his time in constant negotiation with ministers about the need for vigilance and caution as individuals faced inducements to move from company schemes to private insurance.

pension funds, he joined Godconsulting actuarial firm. Here his charm, wit, good humour and commitment to the country, helping disparate groups — from chief executives never seemed to consider for himself.

He was unstinting with his time, experience and eloquence in speaking to groups of civil servants and government information officers from the newly emerging democracies of the world.

the RSPCA, 1980-84. had no children.

the newly elected Conservative Government. His calm in the heat of the dramatic Lusaka meeting of the heads of the Commonwealth - with Rhodesia/Zimbabwe the key issue was one of the more memorable sights of those early years

After his five years with the wins, the large international information took him around to charladies - to prepare themselves for retirement. But retirement was something he

He served as president of

the institute of Public Relations and of the communication industries joint examining body, the Communication. Advertising and Marketing Foundation. They found in him the same strong leadership and advocacy of high standards of professionalism that had characterised his period in government service. He also did notable charity work, particularly for the International Year of the Child

in 1979, and on the council of His wife died in 1989. They

SVETLANA BERIOSOVA

Svetlana Beriosova, ballerina, died in London on November 10 aged 66. She was born in Kannas. Lithuania, on September 24, 1932.

IT IS a curious example of the continuity of ballet tradition that Svetlana Beriosova, who was born in Lithuania and had her early training entirely in the Russian manner, became with the Royal Ballet one of the outstanding dancers in

the English classical style. The daughter of the dancer and balletmaster Nicholas Beriozoff, she took her first lessons from him before studying in America with Anatole Vilzak and Ludmila Schollar. As a child she danced Clara in The Nutcracker with Origina Ballet Russe. Her professional debut was at 14 with the Ottawa Ballet in 1947.

Later that year she peared with the Grand Ballet de Monte Carlo and with Metropolitan Ballet. The latter, a small English company, immediately engaged her as one of its ballerinas, and she remained until it had to disband at the end of 1949. Her roles included Odette in Swan Lake the Street Dancer in Le Beau Danube and Giselle (the second act only at that time). While still only 15 or 16, she also created the leading parts in ballets by John Taras (Designs with Strings), Frank Staff (Fanciulla delle Rose), and Andrée

Howard (Ballamento). Then came an invitation from Ninette de Valois to join Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet, where as a principal she danced several more classical leading roles, including a delic-iously comic Swanilda in Coppelia. Balanchine created the leading part of Trumpet Concerto for her, and Ashton cast her as the Queen of Snow in his new version of Casse Noisette.

In the summer of 1952, after two years at the Wells, Beriosova appeared at Covent Garden as the Lilac Fairy in The Sleeping Beauty, and later that year she transferred there permanently, first as a soloist and from 1955 as a ballerina. After that a great part of her time was spent dancing a limited number of the famous classical roles, especially the ballerina parts in Swan Lake



· Svetlana Beriosova dancing the Princess Aurora in The Sleeping Beauty at Covent Garden in 1960

and The Sleeping Beauty, and she accepted several invitations to dance with the state companies of Europe.

In these classic roles Beriosova revealed an exceptionally beautiful quality of movement, fluent, almost creamy in texture, that made her always a pleasure to watch. Her dancing in these parts was reserved, elegant, grand but often a little remote. She could be admired without reserve, but it was on the occasions when a choreographer brought to the surface qualities of temperament usually hidden

that she became truly great. Nijinska cast her m leading parts in Les Biches and Les Noces: she danced principal roles also in three of Balanchine's ballets, Apollo, Ballet Imperial and Serenade. It was three British choreographers. though, who revealed her full

talent. Belle Rose in the original production of Prince of the his Antigone. Kenneth Mac-Millan revealed her qualities as a pure dancer in Le Baiser de la Fee and Diversions, then as a dance actress in the

"Enforced Ceremony" episode in Images of Love. Above all, Frederick Ashton

(in whose three-act ballets Sylvia, Cinderella and Ondine she also had notable success) created for her a series of leading parts, from Rinaldo and Armida onwards. In Persephone she spoke Gide's words as well as dancing; in Jazz Calendar she produced a wicked reminder of her early talent for comedy, and in Enigma Variations her playing of the composer's wife had

John Cranko cast her as Pagodas and later created for her the dramatic title part in warmth. Problems in her private life led to a reliance on alcohol, and in 1975 she retired from the stage after falling down during a performance as the Tsarina in Anastasio at Covent Garden. She proved to have a marked talent for coaching dancers in the great roles she had danced, as the public saw when she appeared as the ballet mistress in Maina. Gielgud's production about a

a touching humanity and

that the Royal Ballet made so little use of her in this capacity. Her marriage to Dr Masud Khan was dissolved in 1974. They had no children.

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THE SCARLET **PIMPERNEL**

In drama and novel, more recently in the cinema, also, the figure of the Scarlet Pimpernel, the indolent macaroni who dared the terrors of the Revolution in France and snatched beauty and high birth from the guillotine, induced the pleasantest of innocent thrills.

Sir Peter Blakeney was hardly a profound creation, and Baroness Orczy could hardly be classed as a serious student of history or a writer of outstanding originality; nevertheless both became household names for a grateful multitude. Born in 1865 in Tarnoars, Hungary,

the only child of Baron Felix Orczy and his wife Emma, she came to London at the age of 16 and studied art, more particularly painting. She exhibited at the Royal Academy while still a student. After her marriage to Mr Montague Barstow they lived in Paris, travelled in Europe, and worked together on book and magazine illustrations. She began

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The success of Baroness Orczy with her stage character, as described by her

obituarist, illustrates the truth of the old saying: "If at first you don't succeed . . .

writing in 1900, having become fully convinced that she was not meant to be a painter. The thought of writing occured to her when she was staying in London as a paying guest with a family of which two of the daughters wrote

stories for magazines. A series of detective stories in the Royal magazine went a little way to establishing her reputation, but not very

far. Then in 1904 she produced the manuscript of a novel, The Scarlet Pimpernel, based upon one of her short stories. The manuscript was rejected by no fewer than 12 publishers.

She and her husband together cast the novel into the form of a play, and with great good luck the play was accepted for production by Fred Terry and Julia Neilson, peerless performers in swordand-cloak drama.

The start was shaky, but Fred Terry persisted and had his reward; the play ran for four years in London, broke many stage records, was promptly translated and produced in many countries abroad, and has been revived more than once during the past 40 years. Success in the theatre brought with it immense sales for the original

The idea of her celebrated book is of a simple and naive romantic ingenuity, and while the form and the writing cannot claim any conspicuous literary merit, the straightforward narrative hit the taste of a large reading public.

novel.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Time running out for Saddam

■ All Britons were given a warning yesterday to leave Iraq and news organizations were told not to send journalists to the country as large-scale military attacks appeared inevitable. At the same time, the Government issued a dossier to every MP outlining Baghdad's secret weapons hoard and describing

the potential threat from Iraq "if these programmes are left ... Pages I, 18, 19

Overhaul of young offenders' jail

Britain's first child jail is undergoing a sweeping overhaul after months of crisis and turmoil, during which young offenders wrecked classrooms, their rooms and kitchens. More than £100,000 has been spent on replacing and repairing facilities after collapses of order at the purpose-built MedwayPages 1. 6 Secure Training Centre.

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The careers of a gang of drug smugglers ended when their lorry. containing £728 million worth of heroin, became wedged in the Blackwall Tunnel......Page 3

BSE probe blocked A proposal for a judicial inquiry

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At 16, Martha Orbach says she has been through her teenage rebellion. But living in an "ecovillage" in West Wales she could hardly run away and join a band of New Age travellers Page 9

Child sex inquiry

Two nursery teachers who allegedly abused more than 60 children in their care were probably part of a paedophile ring, an inquiry has concluded Page 10

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A Dalek, a potato and Freddie Mercury have been chosen ahead of kings and queens to mark 1,000 years of British history in the Royal Mail's millennium stampPage II collection ...

Blair's vision

Tony Blair presented his vision of a Britain united through generations by common values and shared ideals that should not be sacrificed to the "narrow politics

Assembly threatened

Alun Michael, the new Welsh Secretary, is threatening to scrap plans to build the new £10 million seafront Welsh assembly building, already nicknamed "Crystal

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A new crocodile-like dinosaur has been found in the deserts of Niger. Nearly 36 feet long, the creature had long, narrow jaws, a finlike tail and large, curved Page 14

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Scientists were preparing yesterday to conduct DNA tests on hair from a child resembling Ben Needham, who vanished seven years ago in Greece Page 14 Rebuilding Honduras

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Violence broke out in the Indonesian capital for a second day yesterday as the military tried to prevent students from marching on parliament Page 16

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■ Celebrities were overshadowed last night by those that had silently carried them on their paths to glory: their training

The stars may come and go, but there will always be others to fill their shoes, said the organisers of the first art exhibition featuring trainers, which opened yesterday ...



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For decades, the education debate has been focused on how much the government is spending. It is time to move on and consider the more. relevant issue: how that money is Page 23

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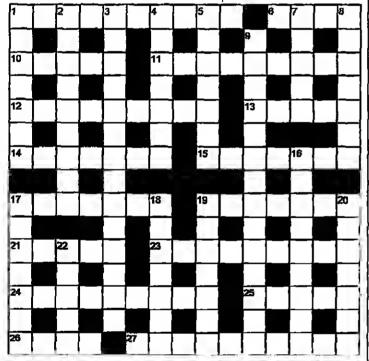
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SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll: surny spells, isolated showers. Light, variable wind. Max 10C (50F).

the showers merging to give rain later. Light and variable wind, Max 9C (48F) Republic of Ireland: rain spreading northeast then showers in the south and vest. Mod SW wind. Max 10C (50F). ☐ Outlook: cloudy with showers on Saturday, a little colder. Sunday colder and breezy with sunny spells and showers; some snow likely in Scottish Highlands.

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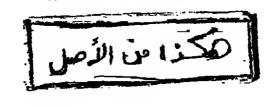
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

The closer Labour and the lease it was become the easier it was become where what he can see that the course of the course-Left with th BT chief says Brown's ICI emerges as potential figures 'too optimistic' as potential haver in

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

BRITISH TELECOM said yesterday that it was prepar-ing for a slowdown in the economy and suggested that Gordon Brown's forecasts for GDP growth were too

Sir Peter Bonfield, the BT chief executive, said: "We are expecting a slowdown. We don't think it is going to be a bloodbath. We are prepared for a slowdown but what we see is a slowdown in growth. not an absolute reduction."

Robert Brace, finance director, said the Chancellor's estimates for growth of I per cent to 1.5 per cent were "too opti-mistic". The reality, he said. The state of the series of was likely to be in the 0 to 1 per cent range.

BT reported pre-tax profits of £1.87 billion for the second quarter to September 30. These included exceptional income of £1.07 billion, largely reflecting the profit of more than £1.1 billion from the sale

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of BT's stake in MCI, the US telecoms company. Operating profits for the second half edged higher to £1.8 billion

from £1.7 billion. BT shares fell 35p to 808p yesterday, a decline of 4.15 per cent, in response to the company's cautious statement on trading. There was also some disappointment at BT's reluctance to redistribute the proceeds of the MCI stake sale to its shareholders or to embark on a share buyback. The shares reached a record high

of 902p in July. First half earnings before exceptionals were 16.3p a share, compared with 16.8p in the pre-vious first half. The fall was attributed to greater losses in BT's new European ventures. Interim dividend is increased

7.3 per cent to 8.1p a share. John Tysoe, Société Générale telecommunications analyst, said yesterday that although the results were good.

the markdown in the share price partly reflected a grow-ing realisation of the increased competition BT would face in its new international markets.

International call turnover declined by 8 per cent to £373 million in the second quarter despite an g per cent increase in volume. BT expects continu-ing double-digit falls in international call charges to be offset by a continuing reduction in costs. Inland call volume grew by g per cent and revenue rose by 2.7 per cent to £1.28 billion.

BT also seems to be fighting back against cable television rivals. In the half year there was a net loss of 65,000 residential lines, compared with a loss of more than 230,000 in the same period last year. Much of the improvement came from the installation of second lines.

New management at Cellnet is also having a positive impact, with 230,000 net additions in the quarter, the best performance since 1994.

Sir lain Vallance, chairman of BT, said that despite evidence of a slowing economy. demand for BT products and services remained strong and "our trading performance remains healthy".

The money from MCl meant that debt had been reduced to £526 million (or gearing of only 4 per cent) but Sir Peter said it was unlikely that there would be a share buyback in the current financia year, Instead, BT would continue "investing for growth". Capital expenditure for the

half-year totalled £1.3 billion, most of it spent on modernising the BT network and enabling the launch of new Internet products. BT's share of operating losses for new ventures totalled £56 million for the second quarter and £134 million for the half year, in line with expectations.

Analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits of about £3.3 billion before exceptionals for the



Sir Peter Bonfield predicts a slowdown in growth, but rules out an economic bloodbath

buyer in Zeneca deal

By PAUL DURMAN

ICI has declared itself a potential buyer of the specialty chemicals division put up for sale yesterday by Zeneca - a deal that would reunite the business with its former

The business of Zeneca Specialties was part of ICI until 1993, when it was demerged along with the pharmaceutical and agrochemical operations that together form Zeneca.

Now five times more valuable than ICI, Zeneca wants to take advantage of the enthusi-asm for deals in the rapidly restructuring specialty chemicals sector.

ICI is attempting to reinvent itself as a specialty chemicals company, but it may struggle to afford the £1 billion-£1.5 billion price tag that analysts expect the Zeneca business to

ICl is currently labouring under about £4.4 billion of debt because of delays in disposing of its heavy chemicals interests.

interested in good quality specialty businesses and will be considering this opportunity carefully". It would prefer to buy only parts of the business, but Sir

David Barnes, Zeneca's chie

ICI said that it was "always

executive, wants to sell it to a single buyer. Other possible buyers in-clude BASF, Bayer and Hoechst, which would all be attracted by the fast-growing business making intermediates for pharmaceuticals manufacture. Zeneca Specialties also makes dyes and inks for

ink jet printers, resins and leather chemicals. David Phillips, a Sutherlands analyst, said that the business would also fit well with Ciba Specialty Chemicals and Clariant, but the Swiss

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Operating profits at Zeneca Specialties have improved sharply since 1995, reaching £85 million last year from sales of £885 million. Zeneca is not selling Marlow Foods, the fast-growing company behind Quom, the meat substitute.

Jeremy Scudamore, the chief executive of Zeneca Specialties, said that he did not know what would happen to his job in the sale.

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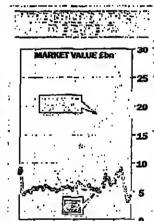
nounced earlier this week.

the businesses being sold.

He said: "We want to sell [the business] to a new owner who will invest in it and protect the people involved in it." Shares in Zeneca rose 28p to £22.83 yesterday, as investors were encouraged by the group's move to divest the

least valued of its businesses. The large rise in Zeneca's shares since demerger has been driven by the much more highly prized drugs business.

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Shell sheds 20% of oil products workforce

By CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

THOUSANDS of Shell employees were yesterday told that their jobs would be eliminated in a massive restructuring of the oil company's refining and marketing businesses

Shell has increased the job attrition rate from 15 to 20 per cent of its 15.000 strong oil products workforce since the restructuring was first mooted a year ago. Most of the job losses will be on the Continent. with some 370 jobs to go in Germany and 200 in Holland.

The Shell announcement coincided with news that Texaco was laying off 1,000 workers. accounting for 12 per cent of its oil exploration staff, to save \$200 million (£121 million) a year. The job cuts are likely to include staff involved in Texa-co's North Sea operations. The

industry is grappling with the problem of restoring profits to operations crippled by low oil prices. This week Mobil and Chevron announced cuts in capital spending due to the low oil price. The UK is particularly vulnerable to cutbacks owing to the high cost of operating in the North Sea.

A spokesman for Shell UK said that between 100-150 downstream jobs would be lost in Britain. He indicated that not all the job losses would be redundancies as some functions, such as road distribution and and computer services, were being outsourced with staff transferring

to external suppliers. Shares in the Anglo-Dutch company rose yesterday on expectations that a new conflict in the Gulf would boost the oil

price. Shell also indicated that the job reductions would save up to \$180 million per year. Fergus Macleod, oil analyst at BT Alex Brown, said investors would be reassured that Shell was finally taking action to address poor performance. He said: The significance

> ing to analysts about job cuts; they are talking to staff." Earlier this year Shell announced the closure of regional head offices, including Shell Mex House in London and the headquarters of Shell Neder-land, Shell France and Deutsche Shell.

of this is that they are not talk-

The move was widely seen as an attempt to get control of the powerful subsidiaries that had been resisting pressure to cut costs and raise their

Wassall builds up **BICC** stake

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

WASSALL, the acquisitive industrial conglomerate, has built up a 7.35 per cent stake in B1CC, the struggling cables and construction business.

A spokesman for Wassall which recently took over TLG for £353 million, said the 30.9 million BICC shares had been bought as "an investment". He

declined to say whether or not Wassall was planning a bid. Wassall built up its share-holding in TLG over 18 months before a bid by Cooper Industries of Texas prompted it to respond with a higher

BICC shares have recovered since a profit warning in late October sent them to a low of 38p. The shares rose 3p to 57p yesterday.

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Scottish Media tunes in to Capital Radio

By Jason Nissė and Chris Ayres

SCOTTISH Media Group, whose interests range from television to newspapers, is looking at making a £500 million offer for Capital Radio as part of its attempts to break out of its Scottish base.

An offer for Capital, which would more than double the size of Scottish Media, has been discussed by the Scottish board. Yesterday the group tried to play down prospects for a bid amid speculation that its largest shareholders, Mirror Group and Flextech, were lukewarm about the idea. Scottish Media made an

offer for VCI, the video maker, earlier this year but was out-bid by Kingfisher. Capital Radio yesterday reassured investors that the mar-

ket for radio advertising had

"remained buoyant" during

the year to September 30, in spite of growing evidence of an economic slowdown. It added that independent research groups forecast the market to grow by as much as 11.5 per cent in 1999.

The company pleased the City with an g per cent rise in pre-tax profits from £35.1 million to £37.8 million on sales of £117.2 million, up 9.8 per cent from £106.8 million. Earnings per share rose 8.4 per cent from 32.3p to 35p, and a final dividend of 10.5p, up from 9.45p, will be paid on April 6. Shares in Capital remained unchanged at 562.5p.

David Mansfield, chief xecutive, defended Capital's involvement in restaurants but said that the company had disposed of its outlets in Germany as well as The star, had made a small profit.

Chicago Pizza Pie Factory in Dublin and Beach Blanket Babylon in London.

Capital also said that over the next year it would pump about £2 million into Xim, the London alternative rock station it bought through a contro-versial £18 million deal in July. Mr Mansfield said the station was not expected to become profitable for up to three years but that he hoped it would be-come "a world-class alternative rock station".

The company also revealed that its failed acquisition of Virgin Radio had cost nearly £1 million in fees, and that its Internet service had incurred an operating loss of £750,000 on sales of about £1 million. Capital said that Wildstar, its joint venture record label with Tel-

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Tories in £100m rail link bill claim

By JASON NISSE AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

THE Government was yesterday accused of adding £100 mil-lion to the cost of building the Channel Tunnel high-speed rail link through an off balance sheet accounting move that keeps down the public sector borrowing requirement.

David Heathcoat-Amory,

the Tory Treasury spokesman. has written to Geoffrey Robinson, Paymaster General, querying the deal in which the Government will guarantee £2.65 billion of bonds issued by London & Continental Railways, which is building the link.

Research by CSFB, the broker, shows that if the Govern-

ment had raised the money itself, and lent it to LCR, financial investors would have been prepared to accept an interest rate up to 0.3 per cent lower, so saving LCR £100 million. This structure would make

no difference should LCR suffer financial difficulties, as the Government would still have to foot the bill. But it would mean the £2.65 billion would have to be included in the PSBR, a situation avoided by

issuing a guarantee.

Mr Robinson admitted that
there would be an extra cost but said that this was worth paying to have the discipline of the private sector financing and managing the project. Meanwhile, Mr Robinson.

has announced that Sir Mal-

com Bates, chairman of Pearl

Assurance, is to review the

Government's PFI policies. Business of politics, page 31

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IMF team finalising Brazil loan

The International Monetary Fund was last night finalising a multibillion-dollar loan package for Brazil, expected to be announced in full today Negotiators were still work ing on a statement of policy commitments that Brazil has made in return for the loans.

Speculation on the package's size ranges from \$30 biltion (£18 billion) to \$45 billion. The total depends on how much extra money is provided by bilateral lenders such as the US and nther Group of Seven members, Sixteen nations are expected to take part in the effort to stabilise investor confidence in Brazil.

GEI awaits payout GEt International, the processing machinery group, hopes to receive at least £2.3 million early next year after le-gal action in the US to recover environmental clean-up costs. Metrametic. its New Jersey subsidiary, was in a 1991 contamination incident and GEI sought the costs from insur-ers. GEI made interim pre-tax profits of £2.5 million (£1 million loss last time). Earnings were 4.47p a share (4.92p loss). The dividend is 1.5p again.

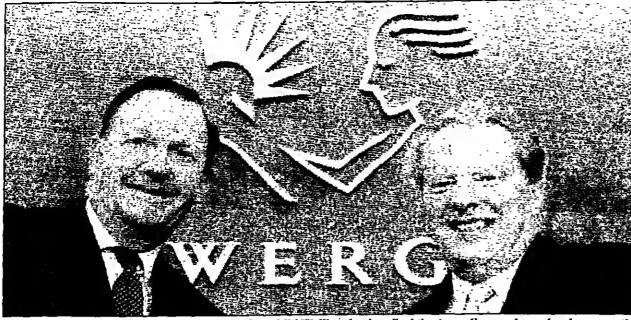
Gerrard's record

Gerrard Group, the financial group, made record pre-tax profits of £20.4 million in the half year to September 30. up from £14.4 million, but says that second-half trading may be tougher. Earnings per share rose to 18.5p [13.5p]. The interim dividend remains 8p. Greig Middleton, the stock-broking subsidiary, is to withdraw from mainstream institutional agency broking.

Chrysler's farewell Chrysler's shares yesterday ceased trading on the New York Stock Exchange, ending a 73-year run, after completion of its \$37 billion (£22 billion) merger with Daimler-Benz of Germany. Daimler-Chrysler shares will be listed in New York and Frankfurt.

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PowerGen turns its attention to Australia

POWERGEN, Britain's largest electricity company, is growing ored of hunting for a £1 billion acquisition in America and is now turning its attentions towards Australia.

Ed Wallis, chairman of PowerGen, said that the deregulation of the American electricity is taking much longer to ma-ture than he had at first expected. The company has been searching for a deal in the US for the past 18 months.

The Australian market, he said, was far less bureaucratic and easier for overseas companies to invest in - with the New South Wales electricity network due to be privatised in the New Year.

Mr Wallis, who is also chair-man of Lucas Varity, whose plans to move to the US were blocked by investors last week. said: The US is a very big, complicated country and it's not really ready yet. The pace of deregulation has been slow, but in Australia things are much easier. PowerGen could also bid for

one of the privatised electricity companies in Victoria, he said. or wait for the New South Wales self-off to get under way. "We are prepared to look at whatever opportunities come up," he said. "We have a big almine power station there. and a full PowerGen team."
He added that the company's Yallourn power station is beginning to benefit from a re-

covery of electricity pool prices

Although PowerGen has only £22 million of cash in the bank, it is expected to raise up to El billion from selling 4,000MW of coal generating capacity. It promised this disposal to win regulatory approval for its July £1.9 billion acquisition of East Midlands

Electricity.
The cold summer increased

demand for electricity by 2.5 per cent across England and Wales, allowing the company to capitalise on poor perform-ance from its rival nuclear power producers.

This, with £19 million of profit contributed by new acquisitions, helped group pre-tax profit to £156 million (£154 million) for the six months to September 27.

Earnings were 18.6p (12.5p loss) for the six months, and the interim dividend rises to 10p (9p) per share. PowerGen shares fell 18p to 869p.

Bank of **America** settlement

Start-up

costs hit

News

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By RAYMOND SNOODI MEDIA EDITOR

PROFITS of The News Corpo-

ration, the international media

group, fell 18 per cent in the

three months to September 30. The \$196 million profit (£119

million) before abnormal items

compared with \$243 million in

the same period last year. The

fall was mainly caused by

increased start-up costs in

ventures such as satellite televi-sion in Latin America and

cable joint ventures in the US.

Operating revenues grew 12 per cent to \$3.2 billion and op-

erating income before depreci-anon and amoro sation was up

10 per cent to \$407 million. Earnings for each ADR before

abnormals was \$0.20 (\$0.26).

News Corp. parent company of The Times, said the re-

sults had been driven by sever-

al summer film releases such

as There's Something About

Mary, the video release of

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A reduction in the profits of

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This week News Corp announced the sale of 18.6 per

cent of Fox Entertainment

Group in an initial public offer-

ing for \$2.8 billion - the third

operating income.

largest in US history.

BANK OF AMERICA has agreed to pay \$187.5 million (about £113.6 million) to settle lawsuits alleging it mishan-dled hundreds of municipal bond accounts in California (A correspondent writes from San Franciscol.

The lawsuits were brought by the State of California, city and county of San Francisco, nearly 300 local governments and a former Bank of America

employee, Patrick Stull.

The lawsuits alleged that the bank failed to return unclaimed property in its municipal bond accounts to the State and the municipalities, failed to properly invest cash in its and falsely charged municipal customers for trust fees.

The case had been scheduled to go to trial in April. The settlement will be distributed under a formula expected to be presented to the court next month.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Taiwanese company boosts Silicon Glen

UP TO 700 new jobs are to be created in Scotland's Silicon Glen through an investment by a Taiwanese electronics firm. The Universal Scienofic Industrial Company announced plans for a EI5 million plant in Irvine, Strathclyde, to become its European manufacturing base. The company, which makes electronic and computer components, said the workforce would build up to 700 over two to three years, on a 27-acre site in tryine.

Universal cited the number of electronics companies already in Scotland, the availability and quality of the Scottish workforce, and air links developed by Prestwick Airport, as factors that made it choose Scotland after a 15-month search for a European base. The project was won for Scotland against fierce competition from the Republic of Ireland, in a concerted effort by Locate in Scotland, the Invest in Britain Bureau, Enterprise Ayrshire and North Ayrshire Council.

Bemrose plunges

SHARES of Bemrose Corporation fell 80p to 277% p yesterday after the company said that annual pre-tax profits would fall 10 per cent against the underlying figure reported last year. Rodger Booth, chairman, said that sales of its seasonal calendars and diaries in both Britain and America had not reached expected levels. He said the shortfall was unlikely to be recovered this year. Jeffry Meyer, president of Bemrose USA, has resigned from the company and the board.

Fairness at Work call

A SENIOR union leader yesterday urged the Government not to water down union recognition plans in its Fairness at Work White Paper. Unions fear a provision might be added requiring workers to be in a union for three to six months before they can be included. Ken Jackson, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, said: "People have the right to vote on industrial action from day one, so why shouldn't they vote for union recognition?"

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Russian banks to close

HALF of Russia's commercial banks will have to be closed because the Government does not have the money to bail them out, Andrei Kozlov, Deputy Chairman of the Russian central bank said yesterday. Viktor Gerashchenko, Chairman of the bank, said that the bank failures would be announced altogether at the end of November. Russia's banks become vulnerable from Monday, when a government-imposed 90-day moratori-um on repaying loans taken out with Western banks expires.

SkyePharma chief

SKYEPHARMA has promoted Michael Ashton to the post of chief executive, taking on part of the responsibilities of lan Gowrie-Smith, who remains executive chairman of the drug development company. Mr Ashton, who was previously chief operating officer, is a former chief executive of a division of Faulding, the Australian pharmaceutical group, Rick Stewart, the corporate development director, is to leave the company to take up another senior position.

Young's profit up 27%

SHARES in Young's, the London brewer and pub operator, jumped 37%p higher to 627%p yesterday as the group unveiled a 27 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £3.4 million in the half-year to September 26, from turnover up 4 per cent to £41.4 million, Adjusted earnings per share reached 16.51p (15.62p) and the interim dividend is 8.2p (7.75pt. Young's acquired four managed houses during the period, taking its total pub estate to 181.

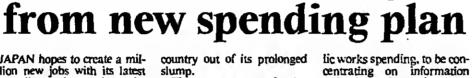
Oxford profits slide

OXFORD Instruments, the advanced instrumentation compafor the six months to September 30. The company said shipment problems and the strength of sterling contributed to the reduced results. Turnover was £78.7 million, down from £81.4 million. Earnings per share were 7.0p (10.0p) and the company declared a dividend of 2.4p (2.3p). Oxford Instruments also revealed it is to repurchase 5 per cent of its issued equity.

Japan seeks million jobs **Societies** urged to help poor

BUILDING societies are being urged by the Government to help to tackle social exclusion (Anne Ashworth writes). However, some society chiefs claim that rules introduced by the Treasury to fight money laundering make access to accounts harder for poor people. Patricia Hewitt, Economie Secretary to the Treasury, yes terday urged societies to make their products more suitable for the three million people without a bank or building society account, and to help in creation of credit unions.

The Building Societies Association welcomed her call. However, although happy to help credit unions, some chiefs privately said that new rules to prevent laundering of drug profits in accounts would hit the poor, who were less likely to have a passport or a driving licence to prove identity as required to open an account.



lion new jobs with its latest spending package to boost the ailing economy, according to an outline published yesterday (Robert Whymant writes).

A plan unveiled by Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party calls for more than Y10 triltion (£49 billion) in public works spending, home-buying incentives and tax cuts to spur domestic demand and pull the

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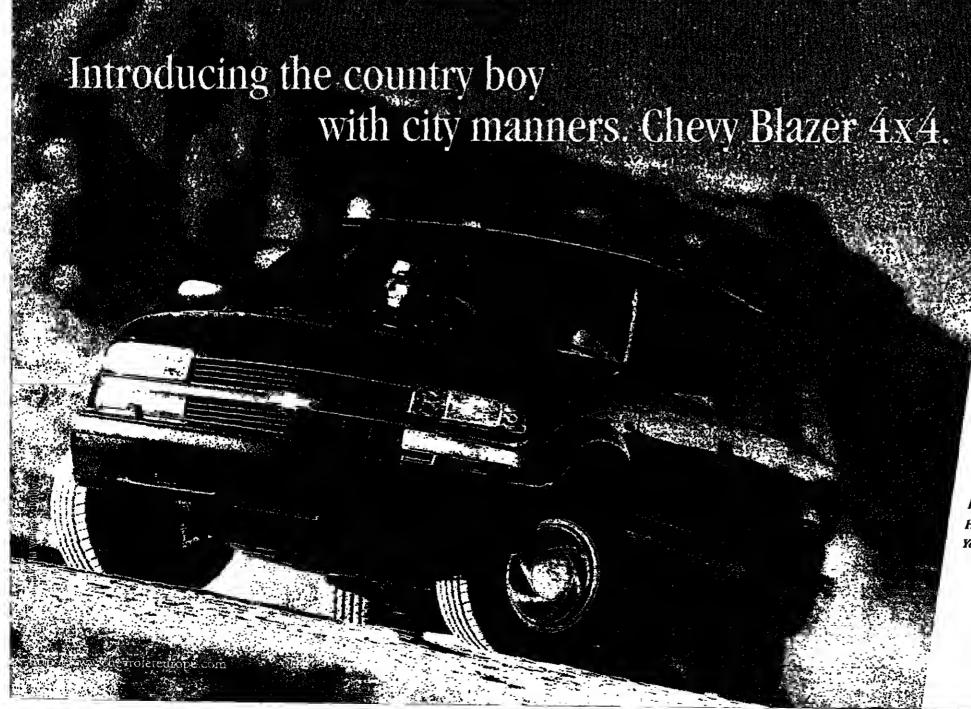
The emergency stimulus package, which the Government is expected to endorse for-

mally next Monday, includes Y4 trillion of income cax cuts and a lowering of the corporate tax rate, one of the highest among the big economies, to 40 per cent from next year. The ruling party also called for at least Y4 trillion in pub-

technology, the environment and education and welfare programmes, instead of the construction projects that are the usual focus of the Government The package, which is the

seventh since 1992, follows a pledge by Keizo Obuchi, the Prime Minister, to revive the economy within two years.



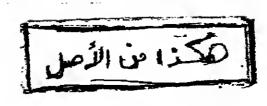


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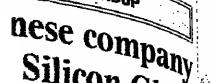
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shooting estate in Berk-A shire or choice salmon fishing rights in Deeside? The likelihood is that, by next week. one of those country gentlemen-type estate agents will have been appointed to find buyers for the pair. Sir Nigel Mobbs, although not opposed to country pursuits. does not believe that such sporting assets sit happily in a property portfolio based on industrial

re there any takers for a

That Bilton should have taken a different view has been a subject for intense scrutiny as Sir Nigel's Slough Estates has waged its hostile campaign to win control of Bilton. Today the likelihood is that Slough will find itself the new owner of the shooting and fishing assets and it will not risk having them on its books

any longer than necessary.

Bilton's managing director.
Ron Groom, had hoped to encourage a white knight to ride into the battle, preferably, presumably, one who shared his enthusiasm for a spot of field sports. But the likelihood of rescue must have vanished on Monday, when Schroders pledged its near-17 per cent stake to Slough.

The descendants of the company's founder, Percy Bilton, still appear split over the bid, but the family holding, although a substantial 35 per cent. is unlikely to prove crucial. The other share-holders, offered 310p for shares that have been as low as 186p this

Bilton looking like fair game

year, seem to have recognised the attractions of Sir Nigel's £276 million offer.

At a discount of about 4.7 per cent to net asset value, it is not uverly generous, but why should it be? It is the only bid on the table and is significantly higher than the shares had been before the Slough offer. Which must pose a problem for the trustees of the Percy Bilton charity, which holds a stake of more than 5 per cent in the business. Trustees of those funds that held shares in Savoy Group wrestled with their consciences for years and still came to the questionable conclusion that Lord Forte's money was not something they could accept. The trustees of the Bilton Settlement have been taking advice on whether their duty to beneficiaries may be to accept the cash. But there are suspicions that some directors of the charity, including Ron Groom, may have found it difficult to hear the advice completely impartiatly.

Some members of the Bilton family had become unhappy with the way in which Mr Groom and Donald Bilton, the founder's etdest son, combined sitting on the board of the company with being directors of a trust



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that held shares in it. They had taken the issue to court, pitching sibling against sibling. That was the signal that persuaded the wily Sir Nigel that the time was right to launch his bid. He had been watching and waiting for years. Should his timing have proved perfect, some members of the family, maybe those who are not fans of blood sports, will have no wish for their money to be tied up in a minority holding.

Duty-free headaches

T er Majesty's Customs and Excise officers are becoming increasingly agitated about what they are supposed to be doing next summer. They know duty-free sales should be no more, but they do not know what sort of regime they are sup-posed to be policing in its stead.

The Treasury, too, is said to be scratching its head over the issue.

Yet the problem is not new. Brus-sels decided seven years ago that duty-free was a concept that did not fit with the big idea of a harmonised tax regime for Europe. Neither does it, but the harmo-

nised tax regime does not exist. Nonetheless, the date for the abolition of duty-free is there, and fast approaching. All that is missing is the little matter of a sensible plan for what will replace it. Britain has not yet given its agreement to the most recent Brussels proposals, which could amount to cross-Channel ferry operators having to change the prices they charge more than 20 times in a single day.

There are growing suggestions that the EU may have to opt for a further delay in implementing the end of the duty-free regime, just to allow time for some sensible arrangement to be put in place. This might not meet too much opposition from some member states. Before he became German Chancellor, Ger-

hard Schroder had voiced his concerns over a move that would cost jobs, and governments in France and Britain would not shun the opportunity to postpone the job losses that would, inevitably, result from the end of the du-

ty-free traffic. In total, around 140,000 jobs in Europe are said to be directly linked to the £4.5 billion annual duty-free trade.

The ferry operator P&O has spelled out that, if the regime suggested by Brussels comes into play, and it is allowed to sell duty-paid goods at the rate that it has paid for them, it will prefer to shop in France rather than England. This is no small matter. Every

night 100-ton deliveries are made to the ferries in the UK. That would stop if there was clear commercial advantage to be had by loading up en France instead. There is a certain irony here, in that the ferry operators, P&O among them, are currently doing

all they can to encourage UK shoppers to head to France to stock up on their shopping. The supermarkets might have little sympathy for the ferry companies in their desire to hold on to their own trade. But Gordon Brown is likely to see some merit in their arguments.

Rekindling an old flame

hen Sir Denys Hender-son demerged ICI into a chemicals business and a pharmaceuocals firm by the name of Zeneca, he could not have imagined the twist in the tail that emerged yesterday. Now a flourishing Zeneca is to sell some chemicals businesses and ICI would dearly love to buy them back. The problem is it is just a little strapped for cash.

Strategies evolve, as do companies. The demerger was a fine step in realising shareholder val-ue at the time, and those who have stayed with Zeneca shares have reaped the benefits of the fashion for pharamœutical companies. But ICI has been a less happy story. New boss, Charles Miller Smith, has determinedly

set about streamlining ICI into a fancy specialty chemicals company, ditching the bulk businesses on which it was founded. At the time of the demerger, some chemicals were so special that Sir Denys regarded them as closer to pharmaceuticals, but Sir David Barnes sees things differently.

They may not have fitted into old ICI, but they do fit with new ICI and Mr Miller Smith will be keen to buy them back, with the benefit of the grooming that Sir David has given them as he, too, has streamlined the Zeneca portfolio. It is to be hoped that the costs will not be an insurmountable obstacle in allowing this restructur-ing to proceed. If it does, could it signal a bout of remarriages? How long before Selfridges de-cides that Miss Selfridge should be with it rather than with Sears?

Unsteady surfer

IT WAS a brave move by the Governor of the Bank of England to venture on to the Net yes-terday and answer questions from his public. There could have been no doubt that someone would want to tax him over his views on unemployment in the North East, and so they did. He responded with all the reasonableness that has earned him the nickname he now says he is proud to bear. But Steady Eddie is unlikely to prove a regular hit among the Web's chat sites unless he livens up the repartee.

Glaxo is attacked on R&D

GLAXO WELLCOME'S strategy to contract out a large part of its research and development effort is a "recipe for disaster", a London pharmaceuti-cal conference was totd yesterday (Paul Durman writes).

Peter Ringrose, president of Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute, said: "To be a viable productive group, you cannot afford to have 50 per cent of your R&D outsourced. You've got to have the critical components of R&D in-house."

Sir Richard Sykes, Glaxo Wellcome's chairman, helieves that drug groups must turn to specialists to keep abreast of advances in science, but Glaxo denied that he had set the 50 per cent target that Dr Ringrose mentioned.

Mike Standing, head of life sciences consulting at Cap Gemini, told the Economist conference that European drug companies need to be more consumer-focused.

Coral offers lift Ladbroke hopes of painless sale

By DOMINIC WALSH

CORAL, the betting shop chain that Ladbroke is being forced to sell off by the Government, is understood to have attracted indicative offers rang-ing from £350 million to £400 million.

Ladbroke, which has received at least ten offers, is expected to spend the weekend whittling them down to a shortlist. Analysts believe that the main contenders are the Tote. UK venture capital funds and,

possibly. Stanley Leisure. The group acquired Coral from Bass in January for £363 million, but in September Peter Mandelson, the Trade Secretary, blocked the deal. One analyst said: "Theories that Ladbroke would lose out in a fire sale look wide of the mark.

It could get its money back." Ladbroke is not commenting on the process, although its betting arm was the star of vesterday's third-quarter trading update. The World Cup provided a £6 million boost. with Coral taking around £1.5

The news was less good on Easy Play, the football game launched by Vernons in August through Camelot's National Lottery terminals. Sales are averaging just £800.000 a week against initial forecasts of up to 13 million, and Ladbroke has decided to write off the £9 million launch costs

this year rather than over the normal three years.

lts Hilton hotels arm increased profits, despite further softening in Asia. In the UK, cutbacks by the big financial houses have started to affect expense account business at its big London hotels. Revenue per available room has slowed from 11 per cent at the half year to about 6 per cent.

The group confirmed that it has been awarded a contract to operate the Great Western Royal Hotel at London's Paddington Station. It will reopen in 2000 as the GWR Hilton

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Danka review must be done

GUARDIAN Royal Ex-change received a mixed response from the City after it issued a veiled profits warning while also announce ing a revamp of its life fund

GRE to

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(Marianne Curphey writes).
Though the shares rose
8%p to 29t%p SBC Warburg
Dillon Reed downgraded its 1998 pre-tax profit forecast from £85 million to £65 million, compared with the £181 million earned in 1997.

GRE is restructuring its life and health businesses in the UK with a £300 million capital injection into its subsidiary, PPP lifetime care. GRE hopes the move will serve to enhance compet-

The insurer is relaunching its UK life assurance operation as a 100 per cent sharebolder-owned activity. GRE's old life fund will be closed to new business.

by next month

By Chris Ayres

DANKA Business Systems, the troubled photocopier group that recently lost both its chairman and chief executive, yesterday revealed that its debts had reached \$1 billion (£600 millioo) during the six months to September 30.

The company, which obtained a waiver from its lenders until February to tackle a deepening financial crisis, said it had until the end of the month to draw up a new business plan. Over the past two years, Danka's share price has collapsed from a high of 848p

to just 63p yesterday. The new business plan will have to be approved by the company's lenders - a syndicate of about 30 US banks before it can receive an emergency \$35 million loan. Danka has already received \$40 mil-

lion in loans since the waiver was granted. Larry Switzer, the temporary chief executive, said: "In conjunction with Wasserstein Perella | the US investment bankl, the group is undertaking a detailed review of its operations and business plan, in-cluding evaluating certain re-

structuring opportunities. We

continue to face significant

challenges." Danka reported losses of £1.8 million in the six months to September 30, compared with a profit of £43 million. Sales fell 10 per cent from El billion to £907 million. The loss per share was 0.6p, compared with earnings of 13.5p.

Danka blamed the fall in revenues on "a decrease in retail service, supply, and

RIT trust suffers setback

RIT Capital Partners, the investment trust chaired by Lord Rothschild, has seen its half-year returns devastated by last summer's market turbulence (Gavin Lumsden writes). Assets fell by £54 million to £756 million in the six months to the September 30. compared with the £86 million growth it achieved for the

same period last year.

A takeover bid in July for Fonorola, RIT's largest invest-ment, spared the trust from worse figures. RIT gained a total of £100 million for the Canadian telecoms company. Since the end of March, the company has reduced its equity exposure from 75 per ceot to just 52 per cent. About a quarter of its portfolio is now in US treasuries and other government bonds with a further £36 million in cash. However, it retains 12 per cent in unquoted companies and 8

per cent in specialist funds. Commentary, this page



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POWERGEN PLC F-YEAR RESULTS

Commenting on the results, Chairman, Ed Wallis, said: "PowerGen has delivered a solid financial performance with earnings per share (before windfall tax, exceptionals and goodwill amortisation) and dividends both showing 11 per cent growth. This year has seen the repositioning of PowerGen and the company is now poised, as a leading player in UK electricity and gas, ready to compete as markets open up. Overseas, activity has been focused on countries where the vertically integrated electricity and gas model, similar to the UK. is achievable. An entry into the US remains a part of the PowerGen strategy. Clear focus on this approach of delivering UK and international growth will make PowerGen a larger, leading international gas and electricity company able to sustain profit improvement and value creation for shareholders in the long term."

POWERGEN PLC CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	Unaudited Half year to 27 September 1998 £m	Unaudited Half year to 28 September 1997 £m
Group turnover	1,267	1,185
Group operating profit, including associates	218	187
Net interest payable, including associates	(62)	(33)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	156	154
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(36)	(38)
Windfall tax		(196)
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	120	(80)
Dividends	(65)	(59)
Retained Profit/(Loss) for the period	55	(139)
Earnings/(Loss) per ordinary share	18.6p	(12.5)p
Earnings per ordinary share (excluding windfall tax and goodwill amortisation	i) 20.1p	18.1p
Dividends per ordinary share	10.0p	9.0p
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FRS 9 "Associates and Joint Ventures" has led to changes in presentation of both operating profit and interest costs; comparatives have been restated. The acquisition of East Midlands Electricity has resulted in a £10 million amortisation of goodwill charge against operating profits in 1998 due to the

The PowerGen 1998 Interim Dividend of 10.0p per share will be paid on 8 December 1998. The Scrip Dividend Plan will NOT apply to this Interim

KEY DATES:

PowerGen Shares begin to trade "ex dividend". 23 November 1998 26 November 1998 Shareholders on the register at close of business qualify for the 1998 Interim Dividend. 8 December 1998 Interim Dividend paid



The full results may be seen on the PowerGeo Internet web site at www.pgen.com



Wassall stakebuilding puts Delta on bid alert

THE board of Delta has gone on bid alert with the shares ral-lying 7p to 140p. The move coin-cided with news that Wassall. up 2p to 233p, has acquired a 5 per cent stake in Delta's rival BICC, up 3p at 57p.

Speculators say the stake

building by Wassall, capitalised at £360 million, is the prelude to a full hid for the troubled cables and construction group, whose market value has shrunk 10 just £227 million.

WestLB Panmure, the broker, snapped up 20 nullion BICC shares, or 5 per cent, to take Wassall's total holding to 30.9 million. BICC shares have slumped after successive profit warnings. They traded at 465p in 1994.

Delta is in a similar position with the price having collapsed from 340p earlier this year after it reported heavy losses of £22.5 million. Brokers say a cut in the dividend is needed, but point out that the board can ill afford to do that without losing the support of shareholders and making it even more vulnerable to an unwanted bid.

At these levels it is capitalised at £209 million, almost half the value of TT, which is believed to have already built up a stake of about 1 per cent. As one broker said: "If Delta resists cutting the dividend, then the shares are worth buying on yield grounds alone. If

the dividend is cut, a bid is likely to be forthcoming." The rest of the London market showed surprising resiltence. It managed to close above its worst levels of the day with the help of opening gains on Wall Street.

Prices had been marked sharply lower at the outset in the face of losses overnight in New York and the Far East. But selling pressure was mini-mal and the FTSE 100 index managed to reduce an early 75-point deficit to close just 27.8 down at 5.449.0. Trading conditions were again thin with total turnover reaching 814 million shares.

Marston's advanced Hisp to 242hp awaiging possible terms from Wolverhampton & Dudley, 3p firmer at 421p. Brokers say the offer could be as high as 280p a share. Speculators are not ruling out the possibility of an offer from Whitbread. down 8p at 782p.

SIG, the subject of an aborted management buyout last month, rose 124p to 146p. Bro-



Tony Illsfey, chief executive, left and Charles Burdick. finance director, saw Telewest up Ip to 135p on reduced losses

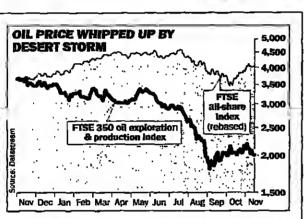
kers are still banking on a bid from rival Travis Perkins, v.p lighter at 440%p.

Brokers reported heavy turnover in Marks & Spencer with the price firming tp to 148p as more than 20 million shares changed hands. Brokers claim US investors are taking advantage of the weakness in the share price.

A useful increase in turno-

ver lihed Telewest Ip to 135p. The telecoms group also reported a reduction in losses for the nine months from £225 million to £200.1 million. The group now covers 5.9 million domestic and 400,000 business customers with both sides having shown strong growth.

It did not take long for the bid for Heritage Bathrooms to



THE mounting tension over fraq has provided the springboard for a long-overdue rally in the oil price, albeit a brief one. The price of Brent crude

for January delivery touched \$12,75, but remains still almost \$6 below the level il was trading at a year ago. Nevertheless it provided some comfort for the oil companies. which have been grappling with falling demand and oversupply for

Moving against the gen-eral trend, BP rose 13/2p 10

8991/2p, while Shell recouped some of its losses following results with a rise of 114p to 354/2p. Enterprise Oil also put on 20p at 359p, and Lasmo 514p to 1734p.

Even so, most of the companies are still trading way below their best levels of the year and brokers remain sceptical that there will be any disruption to oil supplies, even if Iraq goes back on its agreement.

John Toalster, at Société Générale, said il was a knee-jerk reaction that was unlikely to affect supplies.

materialise. The price climbed 16p to 2124p as Masco, of Amer-ica, made an agreed bid of 220p a share valuing the company at

Bid speculation continued to drive Londoo Forfaiting higher with the price ending lip better at 13lp. City speculators say a bid of 200p a share is being lined up that would value the group at £209.56 million.

Cirqual was also being chased higher by the speculators who are banking on a bid from GKN, down 33p at 650p. Circual ended the session 271/2p dearer at 2421/p where it carries a price tag of £70.75 million.

It does not look like being a merry Christmas for Bemrose Corporation with the price plunging 80p to 277% on the back of a profits warning. Festive cheer has evaporated after the head of the group's US operations took his leave. It seems demand for the group's calendars and diaries has been weak. Pre-tax profits are now expected to come in 10 per cent below last year's outcome of £24.1 million.

A profits warning also left United Overseas nursing a loss of 184 p at 274 p. It says profits in the second half will not show the traditional in-crease over the first six months and blamed the difficult trading environment.

Haden MacLellan dropped

22kp to 59kp after a profits warning. An upbeat trading statement lifted Gearhouse

Group 1742p to 240p.

GILT-EDGED: Further reflection of the Bank of England's bearish quarterly infladon report held back shorterdated issues. It indicated that interest rales may not come down as fast as was first thought. Dealers reported a further inversion of the yield curve as longer-dated issues took up the running with gains stretching to more than £1.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt rose 5lp to £114.88 as the total number of contracts completed reached 30,000. Among conventional issues Treasury per cent 2021 rose £1.35 to £143.56, while in shorts Treasury 7 per cent 2002 firmed 8p to £105.79.

INEW YORK: US blue chips were led higher as oil shares rallied on the back of the stand-off between the US and Iraq. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 52.26 points to 8,876.08.

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Alarm call

RECESSION-SPOTTING is a fashionable sport. So it was inevitable that once Sir Peter Bonfield, chief executive of BT, mentioned the word "slowdown", even though he quickly offered assurance that there would be no bloodbath, headlines were guaranteed. The process intensified when Robert Brace. BT's finance director, traded GDP forecasts with Gordon Brown. The Chancellor, Mr Brace

believes, is being too opomistic. The very mention of the word slowdown was probably enough on its own to account for much of the 35p fall in the share price. There was also some profit-taking, combined with a realisation that Cable & Wireless might be better value. C&W's planned announcement next week of a strong push into continental Europe and sharp cuts in internacional call rates by Deutsche Telekom also emphasise

the degree of competition that BY will face on its international travels. Through it all Sir Peter smiles amiably and says he loves competition - it's what business is all about.

Indeed, BT's second-quarter results were respectable and Sir Peter's strategy seems to be rolling ahead smoothly. The AT&T joint venture is on track to receive regulatory approval by July. New management at Cellnet is having a bracing effect on subscribor levels, although there is no sign of the Government ever allowing BT to become a 100 per cent owner of the mobile telephone company.

A short-term bounce back in the share price is now likely. More significant growth could take longer — until the evidence is in that £2 billion a year investment in network upgrades and sophisticated plant really is calling up significant earnings growth.

Ladbroke

ON THE face of it, yesterday's third-quarter trading update from Ladbroke contained a number of negative factors - not least a £9 million hit because of the poor response from the public to its Vernons Easy Play game. And yet the shares jumped 6%p to 231%p.

The simplest explanation musl be a growing conviction that the group will recoup its outlay on Coral. And don't forget that, although Peter Man-delson has insisted it be sold by April, Ladbroke will have owned Coral through one of the golden periods of bookmaking, when the World Cup provided record business.

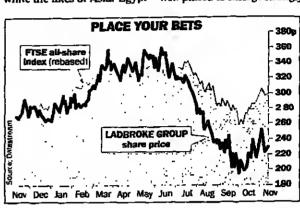
There is also a feeling that the sharp cut in Ladbroke's share price from a high of 360p in June was harsh. Much of this was based on a predicted collapse of the hotel

business, yet it has only been and Kenya are all struggling, in the past few weeks that there has been any significant sign of softening after

years of strong growth. Although the trend in the UK is now clearly down, the key revenue per available room statistic is still 6 per cent up, a performance the retail sector would kill for. And white the likes of Asia. Egypt

continental Europe and the Americas are doing well. Sarah Ellis. at Dresdner

Kleinwort Benson, is forecasting earnings per share of 17.4p, rising to 18.5p in 1999 after stripping out Coral. That puts the shares on a forward multiple of just 12. If any recession is short lived. Ladbroke is well-placed to emerge strongly



PowerGen

POWERGEN has served its investors well in recent months. Since buying East Midlands Electricity it has fulfilled its ambition of both generating and selling electricity - giving double expo-sure to a reliable market and making the company even more of a safe haven.

This is why, over August and September, its shares outperformed the market by 40 per cent, But now that the stock market is recovering, do the shares still deserve to enjoy a racing of 13 times forecast earnings?

Perhaps. PowerGen is still a shelter from an economic downturn as well as from a stock market crash. Its profits are easy to predict because they are regulated, and be-cause electricity demand is

usually stable.
As the E30 million cost savings of the East Midlands deal start to come through, it will be able to afford more

DOLLAR RATES

generous dividend payments than any other utility.

But it is still threatening to do something exciong, like spend Et billion in Australia. A duff deal could shoot down its rating, and such heavy overseas exposure could wreck its attraction as a dull but protected UK stock.

Having shot up by almost 10 per cent in recent weeks, the shares have managed a convincing performance, that is unlikely to be repeated for some time. Take profits.

ED&F Man THE profit figures released

by ED&F Man, which show a rather banal 9.6 per cent decline, hide a complex mixture of fortunes.

The company is still best known for its agricultural product commodity trading. but saw profits virtually disappear there in the first half as the Asian and Russian crises walloped demand. It went from profit to loss in sugar, molasses and alcohol, and the division as a whole was saved from the red ink only by an increase in profits in cocoa and coffee.

Meanwhile, profits at its oth-er division, financial services, went in the opposite direcdon, more than doubling first-half earnings. The disparate figures cer-

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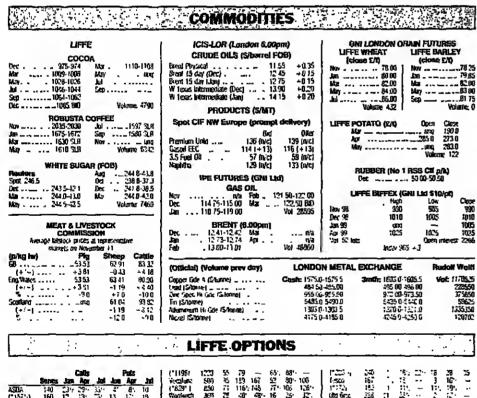
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tainly serve to justify the management's resistance to suggestions that it should demerge the two divisions. But what is most striking

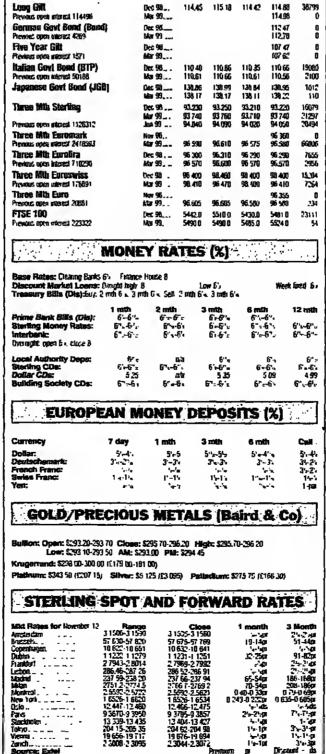
about this set of figures is that the real star of all ED&F Man's financial service operations is its asset management arm. Despite all the disasters befalling hedge funds, it has managed to triple profits in the first half, putting the increase down to a "conservative money management" ap-

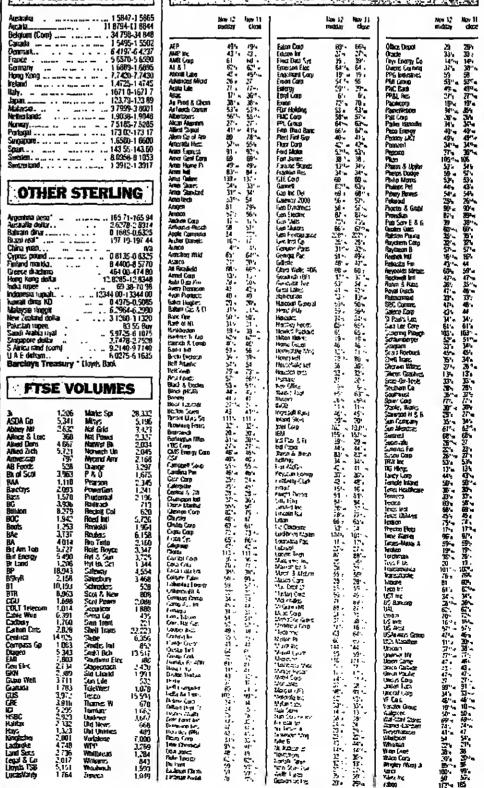
proach. The company is a rather odd, risky mix of businesses, but the management's ability to squeeze profits out of difficult markets makes the shares worth holding.

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The Government's predilection for task forces has frequently been met with cries of derision by business.
For industry figures — well, at least those unfortunate few who have not received an invitation to join any of the 50-odd commitiees — task forces represent all the worst sins of Government. They imply prevarication over firm decision-making, paper

shuffling over commined action. So it comes as some surprise to find that business is leading a campaign to reprieve at least one of these task forces from its scheduled closure next summer. The Confederation of British Industry is appealing to the Treasury to extend the life of the Private Finance Initiative task force. The CBI has few doubts that the task force has made a huge difference to the prickly problems of the PFI.

For Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General who is ultimately responsible for the PFI, this demand is something of a mixed blessing. The fact that business feels that at least one task force is actually doing the job it was entrusted with is certainly flattering. However, if the PFI task force had been completely successful, the Treasury would be able to announce its dissolution with great fanfare. Mr Robinson has, in classic Government fashion, passed on

Unfinished business for PFI task force

the problem for the moment and invited Sir Malcom Bates, chairman of Pearl Group, to conduct a second review.

There is little doubt that, rather like Mr Robinson himself, the PFI is now becoming an established part of the Treasury landscape after a rather bumpy start. The early PFI projects met with profound public and private sector cynicism. The private sector found the process cumbersome and costly, with apparently limited financial gains in the longer term. The public sector lacked the requisite commercial skills to bring projects to completion and. in many cases, remained culturally at

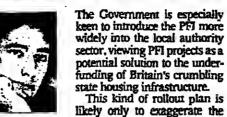
odds with the whole concept. The task force, which has attempted to streamline the bidding process as well as target priority projects, has helped to make PFI deals viable. The Government has signed a respectable £4 billion worth of deals during the past 18 months. It is hoping gently to accelerate this pace of activity to meet the £11 billion target figure outlined by Gordon Brown in last week's



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pre-Budget report. Yet the PFI could be set to play an even more pivotal role in the next few years. The Chancellor has made great play of his plans to increase spending on public in-frastructure while keeping a tight rein on the overall budgetary position. This has left the Treasury with little room to manoeuvre, and the Government may be forced to turn increasingly to the PFI as a means of reconciling its commitments

with the sharp economic slowdown expected by all but the Bank and the Treasury. This means the Mark II Bates review will have to tackle not only the existing problems but how the PFI, and the broader public/private partnership range of



Civil Services are equipped to handle complex PFI projects and wants to see the task force continue in

its role as a resource centre until every department is up to scratch. Ensuring that the hundreds of local authorities acquire the necessary skills is likely to prove an even more time-consuming project.

impact of the remaining prob-

lems with the PFL The CBI is

not yet convinced that all the

public sector unions involved in PFI projects could be brought to a head by the expansion into the local authority sector. The Treasury appears to have headed off the immediate problem by its announcement last month that unions will be consulted during the PFI bidding procedure.

although they will have no right of veto.

However, it was clear at the TUC Congress that it is the blue-collar unions such as Unison - which remain powerful at council level - that are most opposed to the "back door privatisation" of the PFL Jimmy Knapp's RMT rail union also appears to be gearing up for a fight over the plans for London Underground, which will represent the first significant challenge to a PFI project and could harden the attitudes of other unions.

The Treasury has also not entirely dis-pelled lingering doubts about the financial treatment of PFI projects. Earlier in the autumn the Government finally signed a truce with the Accountancy Standards Board over the balance sheet treatment of

an answer would be available within three months. If the

WTO panel found in favour of America, the US could take

the matter to the WTO dispute

settlement body and request re-

taliation against Europe. Such

authority can only be refused

by unanimous agreement of the body (which includes the

US) and an arbitrator decides

The parties must then agree which goods will suffer the

penalty of import duties. That

opens the door for a colossal

row not just between govern-

ments but with domestic ex-

ly that neither side is ready to go down such a perilous road. But unless Brussels and Wash-

ington can cobble together a

compromise they may forced into a round of unsavoury horse-trading at the WTO

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PFI projects. The Treasury insists the tighter guidelines will have little material impact. However, today's report that the Government's efforts to keep its financial support for the Channel Tunnel Rail Link off the Treasury balance sheet shows that some funding issues remain unresolved. Maurice Fitzpatrick, a partner at the

accountancy firm Chantrey Vellacott, has pointed out that many PFI-funded infrastructure projects will prove more expensive over the longer term because the private sector will demand a rate of return significantly higher than the interest rate levels available on government borrowing in the gilt market. Unless the Treasury casts aside some of the commercial secrecy that surrounds PFI deals and reveals a clear breakdown of the relative costs of new projects, the suspicion that the PFI is simply a balance sheet wheeze

is likely to persist. The PFI task force has proved that it is much more than a talking shop over the past 18 months. Yet for all the progress that has been made in turning the PFI into a via ble option for public infrastructure invest-ment, large hurdles still remain. Mr Robinson should bite the bullet and give a slimmed-down task force an extended term to chat some more about the problems.

ticipant who accused the Bank

of having "destroyed the econo-my" with its interest rate poli-

cy. Mr George responded that an economy that has been growing at an average of 3 per cent for five years and with un-

employment at its lowest lev-

els for 18 years could hardly be

However, the Governor emphasised that he was well

aware that some sectors of the

economy "have been particu-larly severely hit", but the

Bank was restricted in what it

"If inflation were allowed to

take off, we would not avoid

the slowdown, we would just arrive later," he wrote. The Governor also assured

another questioner that the

Bank was in touch with the

rest of the country through its

regional agents, non-executive

court members and the regu-

on to view the question and answer session with about 100

questions submitted during

Oh, and Mr George, who is

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described as "destroyed".

The transatlantic banana split that risks a world trade war

Carl Mortished

reports on the unlikely source

of a looming global crisis

over exports

he price of bananas is going up. Hurricane Mitch has cut a swath through the vast Central American plantations operated by US fruit multinationals. The cyclone has ripped out plants and damaged infrastructure. Some 70 per cent of Honduras' agriculture has been wiped out. It will take years to restore production to normal levels and the shortfall should lead to hefty price increases.

Weather and markets are uncontrollable and farmers must live with the consequences. But bananas are becoming expensive in more insidious ways. Far from the wreckage in the Honduran jungle, people in plush offices in Washington, Brussels and Geneva are plotting a trade war.

The battle is over European restrictions on the import of Latin American bananas, socalled "dollar bananas". Europe operates a preferential regime for bananas produced in African and Caribbean countries, mainly former colonies of Britain and France. Latin American producers and the US fruit combines, Dole and Chiquita Brands, have cried foul. This week the US Government produced a shopping list of European exports, ranging from tweed jackets to French wine which would be harnmered with 100 per cent tariffs if the EU failed to reform its banana regime.

Indignant cries from the respective US and EU trade litigators, Charlene Barshefsky and Sir Leon Brittan are now becoming shrill. Positions have become entrenched and officials in the World Trade Organisation in Geneva worry that trade doors may slam shut as the world teeters on the edge of recession.

Alarmist? After all, bananas are of marginal interest to most people. True, farmers in



A banana cutter on one of Chiquita's plantations in Costa Rica. Chiquita has lobbied against the EU's trade regime

producing countries depend on them for a living; for many Caribbean countries, preferential access to EU markets is critical as small island producers cannot hope to compete on cost with the vast Central American plantations. In the West Indies the prospect of a flood of Chiquita or Dole pro-

duce is terrifying.
But why should Washington bang the free trade drum over bananas when the US is not an exporter? The fruit multinationals could provide one answer. Chiquita Brands already supplies bananas in huge quantities to Germany and Sweden where consumers prefer the long thin dollar bananas to the shorter, fatter, sweeter Caribbean variety.

Chiquita has lobbied for action against Europe. Carl Lindner, its president, made a large contribution to the Democratic Party, a fact frequently alluded to by EU officials.

The company is no stranger to controversy. Chiquita's regulatory filings reveal that the it

was notified in April that it was being investigated by the US Securities & Exchange Commission over compliance with the Foreign and Corrupt Practices Act, in particular regarding illegal payments to foreign officials and the keeping of fair and accurate books. The company was told by the SEC that its investigation. should not be construed that a

by The Cincinatti Enquirer, Chiquita was involved in dubious business practices in Central America including bribery and the use of life-threatening pesticides. The journalist pleaded guilty to charges of theft of voicemail and the pa-

violation occurred. ince then. Chiquita has been paid \$10 million (\$6 million) in compensation for an article alleging that

per published a full retraction. Whatever the power and influence of Dole and Chiquita, the US would hardly risk a trade war with Europe, just over bananas. Brussels says the shopping list of European exports threatened with sanctions amounts to El billion. Jacques Santer, EU Commission President, has written to President Bill Clinton, warning him not to make "a grave political misjudgment and threatening to start proceed-ings at the WTO if the threat of tariffs is not lifted.

It is not just bananas that are at issue. Washington is angry because it believes that the WTO is toothless and Europe is failing to follow the rule book. The US has already won two legal battles with Europe in the WTO without obtaining a remedy. Washington trade negotiators are waving judgments in the air and demanding redress. Potential trade disputes are spreading like dry rot in the framework of world trade and Washington wants a system that does not just arbitrate but one that enforces.

body ruled that the EU's banana quotas and licensing regime were inconsistent with

the Pacific Rim to study busi-

"It will be an icon of capital-

ism within a communist re-gime, says Philip Vale of Dur-ham University. I wonder

what those communists made

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devoted to beagling, an un-

speakably cruel sport where

you take the dogs out into the

country and make them

smoke cigarettes.

ness there.

WTO rules and this year the US won an important victory against the Brussels ban on US beef hormones. Both cases allowed the EU 15 months to comply - in the case of bananas this runs out in January.

However, Washington believes the reformed EU regime - increased quotas and changes to licensing — also fails to comply. The US side requested an expedited review of the new regime with the same pan-ellists that ruled last time. Brussels refused saying that any US objection must begin again from scratch - a process that could take over a year.

WTO insiders note that no trade dispute has yet gone this far with one side threatening unilateral retaliation and the other refusing to use WTO settlement procedures.

Also telling is the failure by both sides to allow WTO procedures to follow their natural course. A settlement system does exist. Were the EU to allow the panellists to rule on the reformed banana regime,

Livingstone. So a businessman, well-known, tough, ideally with no obvious party politi-cal allegiances and with solid London roots. Who better than

Alan Sugar? I ring to pledge my support for his campaign. He is in Ja-pan, but I ask one of his chaps what are the chances that he can be persuaded to run. "I think zero. He doesn't live in London. He's got no business in London, unless you count Tottenham Hotspur. And he's got enough on his plate."

Such defeatism. It was Plato. I think, who said that the desire for political office should automatically disqualify the candidate from holding it. So Sugar is pre-eminently quali-fied. Sugar for Mayor!

MARTIN WALLER



Alan Sugar needs spurring

Web of policy queries fails to entangle Eddie

or "Steady Eddie" it was a chance to prove that, despite all the recent criticism, he is still the people's central banker.

Eddie George yesterday opted to become the first Governor of the Bank of England to submit himself to trial by Internet, going live online to answer questions from small businessmen and women from across the country.

The question and answer session, which took place on the Department of and Trade and industry's small business website, was billed as a chance to quiz Mr George about the single currency.

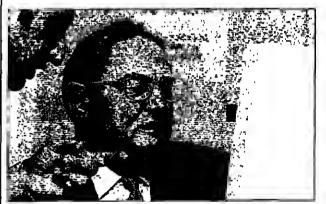
However, the participants could not resist grilling the

porters. French wine makers and Scotch whisky producers will not take kindly to being sacrificed for the sake of ba-Governor over interest rates. nana growers in Trinidad. the pound, and his apparent gaffe over unemployment in s one trade expert rethe North East being a necesmarked: "The guy who sary price for curbing inflation makes that decision in the South. Mr George insisthad better get someone else to ed that the point he was makswitch on his car engine in the ing about unemployment was that monetary policy could not The stand-off indicates clear-

be used to "address different levels of unemployment".
"What we are trying to do ensure that over time unemployment is as low as it can be given the productive capacity of the economy," he wrote. The Governor carefully side-

described as an "infrequent" Internet user, admitted that he takes the "Steady Eddie" nickname as a compliment. stepped a swipe from one par-

ALASDAIR MURRAY



Eddie George meets the people in cyberspace

Mortgages

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TODAY Buckingham Palace Times, where the royal party will give more details of the vis-it by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to the City on Wednesday. I notice, however, an odd quirk in the proposed itinerary. It is either a reflection of how widely the financial community has spread or some peculiar royal fondness for sitting in traffic jams, because only half her destinations are actually in the City.

Merrill Lynch is just outside the boundary. The Financial Services Authority is in Canary Wharf. Electra is in Kingsway and the Financial



"It frightens me, some of the material children can access on their computers'

will take hinch, is the wrong side of Southwark Bridge. One date is securely in the

Square Mile, though. Lord Levene of Portsoken, who takes over as Lord Mayor tomorrow, is meeting the Queen at his work place, Bankers Trust, rather than any where grander, such as Guildhall or Mansion House. Equally in keeping with the

mood of the times, there will be no ceremony and no fancy robes. Business suit and tie is the order of the day. For Levene, that is.

INDUSTRIAL espionage at Canary Wharf? The Tele-graph has banned distribution of the new weekly tabloid. The Wharf, because it is produced by its neighbour, the

Mirror Group. Delivering the freesheet, says Dan Coulson, the Telegraph's chief executive, allows the Mirror folk the opportunity to ferret out the paper's secrets. Security is a concern. Were not happy about the prospect of people coming in from out-

side on a regular basis." For some reason his concerns are not shared by Canary Wharfs other residents, which include CSFB, Ogilvy & Math-



er and the Financial Services Authority. All, one would have thought, with plenty of secrets to keep to themselves.

Well red FORGET Harvard, France's

Insead or the London Business School, the place for the business leaders of tomorrow to study for their MBAs will be Hanoi. (Which I will always associate with Jane Fonda, but that's my age, I suppose). There is a delegation from

the National Economics University in Hanoi over at **Durham University Business** School gaining tips on how to design an MBA course. According to Vu Thanh Hung. the head of the management department, they want to attract students from all over ALL that money spent on mar-ble, and the fire alarm plays up. The European Bank of Reconstruction and Development opened for business again yesterday, having lost half a day's trading on Wednesday. The techies were busy overhauling the fire alarm software when someone

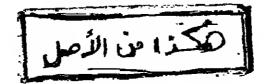
As the main alarm had been switched off, the entire building had to be evacuated from lunchtime onwards. Staff milling about in Bishopsgate were finally told by loudhailer to go home.

elsewhere set off a smoke

Sweet talk IT IS generally agreed that it would be better to have a businessman as the new Mayor of London than some awful politi-· cal placeman. Or, for different reasons, Jeffrey Archer or Ken

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start to the second half, the fourth quarter had "shown a

rapid deterioration across most geographical markets, partic-

The market slowdown had led to delays in contracts for

Haden MacLellan's process engineering division. It also had

an impact on the group's fasteners and industrial services businesses in the UK. As a result, second-half orofits were

unlikely to match those of the first half, the company said

yesterday. In September the group had reported pre-tax prof-

its before exceptional items of £7 million in the six months to

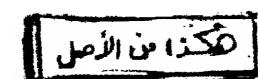
June 30. Yesterday's warning also affected other auto-component manufacturers. Shares in GKN fell back 31p to

close at 652p, TI Group dropped 17p to 336p and Lucas Varity

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weakened III:p to 190%p.



Heritage acquired by Masco

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America's Masco is taking over Heritage Bathrooms for £40.5 million. Masco's offer of 220p a share has already secured acceptances in respect of 50.15 per cent of the UK company. The terms represent a 44.3 per cent premium to the price at which the shares traded before bid talks were made public earlier this month. In its last financial year Heritage earned pre-tax profits of £4.78 million on sales of £22 million.

Pillar plan

Pillar Property, the property investment and development group, has joined London Transport to submit a planning proposal for the £65 million redevelopment of the site surrounding Fulham Broadway Underground station. The proposal includes shops, a supermarket, restaurants, a 12-screen cinema com-plex and a health club.

Dennis wins orders Dennis, the vehicle manufacturer acquired by Mayflower Corporation earlier this month, has won orders for new buses worth £40 million from New World First Bus, of Hoog Kong. II was also announced that Steve Burton has resigned as chief executive. Brendan Geary, finance director, will leave the company in February, when the head office is due to close.

Po Na Na ahead Po Na Na Group, which runs a chain of bars, yesterday announced pre-tax profil of £710,356, for the six months to September 27, compared with £336.504 last time. Earnings per share were 3.11p (1.47p). The company began the year with 15 bars, spread across the country, and plans to have 24 bars by the end of the year.

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Naafi dividend up Naafi, the Navy, Army, Air Force Institutes, yesterday announced a profit of £7.9 million for the year ending May 2, up from £5.2 million last time. Owned mutually by Armed Forces personnel and providing retail and leisure facilities, it returned an increased dividend of £29 million (£2.5 million).

Acquisitive Bank of Ireland to splash out

By CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Bank of Ireland, which owns the Bristol & West. plans to spend up to £700 million on buying another UK bank or building society.

The bank's announcement

came as it revealed that interim pre-tax profits before exceptional items had risen by 34 per cent from Ir£250 million (£227 million) to Ir£334 million. Exceptional items boosted the profits to IrE507 million. These included the Ir 1724 million from the sale of the group's 23.5 per cent

shareholding in the Cidzens
Financial Group.
Paul D'Alton, the group's
financial officer, said that the bank had managed to increase its profits over the sixmonth period, in contrast to some of the other banks, because it was not exposed to emerging markets, nor did it have any exposure to hedge

Mr D'Alton said: "We operate a low-risk business." He added that the bank was not

interested in buying a life insurance company, but is instead keeping an eye on the UK building society sector. He added: "We are not in any hurry to make a purchase."

The West Bromwich, Portman and Cheshire are within the price range of the Bank of Ireland. However, all three societies claim that they are keen to remain mutual.

Mr D'Alton said that the group was particularly pleased with the results generated by the Bristol & West, which was bought by the Bank of Ireland last year. The Bristol & West contributed £76.5 million to total profits. He said that the former building society's share of new lending had increased in spite of increased competition in the lending market.

The group pointed out that it has spent a total of £28.7 million on the Year 2000 project and the single currency. The bank is paying an interim dividend of 9.2p.



Mark Newman, left, with Keith Atkinson, Lonrho Africa's finance director, yesterday

Lonrho Africa resists coup

BOARD members of Lonrho Africa have hit back at the attempts by Blakeney, the asset management group, to oust the Africa specialist's chairman, Bernard Asher, and two other non-executive directors, Stephen Walls and Michael Wilson (Jason Nissé writes).

Blakeney yesterday posted a letter to shareholders calling for an extraordinary general meeting to replace the three directors with three of its own appointees.

A compromise deal was rejected by Lonrho Africa because it would have created an executive committee, half of whose members would have been Blakeney nominees. Lonrho Africa said this would have been cootrol by the back door.

Mark Newman, Lonrho Africa's chief executive, said yesterday that the company had rejected Blakeney's plans because "the existing board has the right strategy and the right directors for the future of Lonrho Africa".

He added that links between Biakeney's nominees and two other groups operat-ing in the continent — Africa Lakes and Africa Plantations - meant they had a conflict of interest with Lonrho Africa.

demerge its support services division and British Salt, with detailed proposals that are likely to be put to shareholders by July 1999. The company, which has already undergone extensive restructuring, yesterday reported a 37 per cent rise in pretax profits to £6.3 million in the six months to September 26. Earnings rose to 4.1p a share from 2.9p. The interim dividend

STAVELEY INDUSTRIES is to proceed with plans to

Bandt climbs by 50%

BANDT, a provider of scaffolding and other industrial services, said that a good overall trading performance for the six months to October 4 generated a 50 per cent increase in pre-tax profit to £4 million. Turnover was £39,48 million. up from £38.89 million for the corresponding period in the previous year. Earnings per share were 2.6p, compared with 1.8p, and the company declared an interim dividend of 0.5p, up from 0.4p.

Greycoat biding time

GREYCOAT, the property company, reported first-half pre-tax profits unchanged at £5.6 million, but said it was well placed to take advantage of a growing shortage of prime office space in Central London. The company is a partner in a consortium that acquired the International Financial Centre, formerly the NatWest Tower, for £226 million in August. Greycoat does not pay an interim dividend but said it expects to lift the total dividend to 1.9p a share from 1.5p for the year to March 31.

Lynx leaps ahead

LYNX GROUP, the computer services company, lifted pre-tax profits to £13.25 million from £9.8 million in the year to September 30 on turnover that rose 50 per cent to £180.9 million. Earnings per share rose to 8.67p from 6.83p. A final dividend of 1.7p lifts the total to 2.25p (2p). Stewart Douglas-Mann, who succeeded Roger Pinnington as chairman in August, said the markets in which Lynx operates continue to offer substantial opportunities for growth. The shares fell 14:p to 184p.

Telewest sales rise under new chief

TELEWEST, the cable television giant that recently hired Tony Illsley, the former Walkers Crisps supremo, as its chief executive, yesterday revealed a small fall in year-on-year third-quarter losses from £91 million to £85 million

(Chris Ayres writes). The group, which recently merged with General Cable and increased its stake in Birmingham Cable to 72 per cent, saw a 38 per cent rise in sales from £100 million to £138 million. Losses per share fell from 0.09p to 0.05p. Debt at the end of the quarter was £2 billion.

ers increase by 16 per cent during the quarter to 675,000, with average monthspend per customer falling slightly to £23. Residential telephone customers, meanwhile, rose 15 per cent to 876,000, with average monthly spend per line again falling slightly to £19. Mr Illsley said: "We believe our

combination of local access, national network and broadband capacity positions us well to meet the rapidly growing demand for business services, especially the higher-margin products."

Asset management boosts ED&F Man A STRONG performance by the asset management business of ED&F Man, with profits of £7.2 million last year.

the commodities and financial services group, offset a collapse in profits at its commodity trading arm (Sarah Cunningham writes). Underlying pre-tax profit in the six

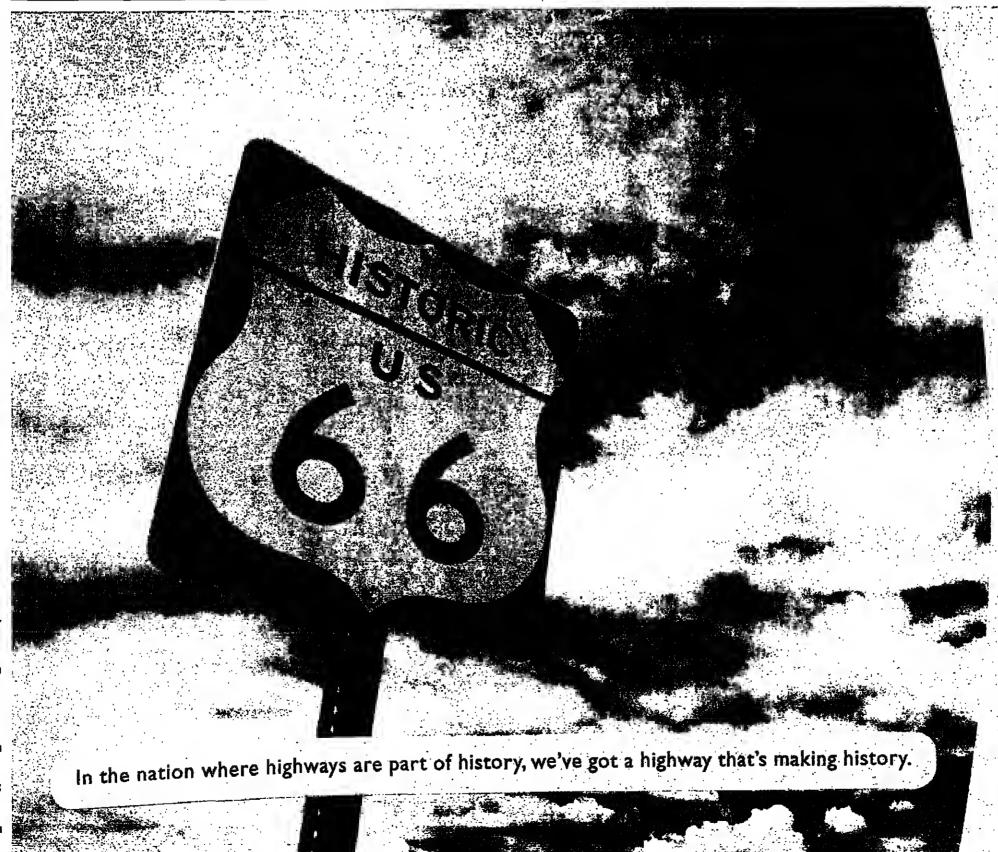
months to September rose by 39 per cent from £39.7 per cent to £55.3 million. Earnings per share rose from 10.4p to 15.4p and the company is paying an interim dividend of 4p.

Collapsing demand in the Far East

and Russian markets led to a pre-tax

Molasses and alcohol made a pre-tax loss of £3.6 million compared with a £3 million profit. Cocoa, coffee and edible nuts increased profits from £6.6 million to £7.9 million. By contrast Man Investment Prod-

ucts made a profit of £45.2 million, up from £15 million. The strong level of fund performance generated substan-tial performance-related fee income.





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THEATRE ocial drama in Be My Baby



t's not that I'm superstinous or anything. Friday the Thirteenth? Just another date, mate. OK, I might set off for work an hour or two early, but only as a precaution. Skipping round those cracks in the pavement is very time-consuming, you know - not to say downright embarrassing for a man of advancing years and ever-

ballooning torso. Then there's the problem of the black cars and the ladders. No point in taking chances. Not with Uranus in the ascendant and the

tea-leaves inscrutable. But otherwise it will be business as usual. A quick half-hour flip through the horoscopes, an informal departmental seance and blood-sacrifice, a little light palmreading — then straight down to work. Just a normal day.

Mind you, I do have a soft spot for that oft-used but little-considered phrase, "don't push your luck". Macbeth, Othello, Don Giovanni and virtually every other doomed protagonist in Western gloomier. Anything that can go

Fingers crossed, we'll get through today

look where it got them. In fact the subject of luck-pushing obsessed the great dramaosts and composers. True, some put for-ward the wildly optimisoc view that man can control his own desony. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, for instance, is generally reckoned to be a brilliant depiction of the human spirit emerging triumphant over a malevolent Fate. That is why the Fifth acquired such significance in the war against Hitler. Similarly, if in less exalted vein,

Sky Masterson challenges luck to "be a tady tonight" in Guys and Dolls - and wins the heart of his Salvation Army lass with a single audacious throw of the dice. Just like real life, I don't think.

But the usual view of la forza del destino in great tragedy is much

drama all pushed their luck, and look where it got them. wrong will go wrong. Who dares never wins. The bolder the deed. the nastier the outcome.

It's a bit depressing, but it does ring true. Just think how often a modern hero pushes his luck and ends up ruined. The glamorous British actor, on the verge of super-stardom, really does risk every-thing for a quickie with a Sunset Boulevard tart. The Cabinet minis-ter really does find himself compromised in a park. The extravagantly handsome footballer really does lash out stupidly in front of a bil-

lion TV viewers.
You could say it is "bad luck" that these idols get caught in the act. But that view won't cut any ice with most dramatists. Their attitude is that your character defines the sort of mess you get into. When Clint Eastwood says "do you feel lucky, punk?" to the baddie cring-



RICHARD MORRISON

ing before his Magnum 44, you know that luck actually has nothing to do with it. The baddie is facing retribution because his character has serious flaws.

Of course the "fate factor" in

thought hopelessly implausible. Those babies swapped at birth, those mislaid handkerchiefs, those ridiculous masked balls in which a husband allegedly can't recognise his own wife ... to many people they seem incredible - contrary to all rational observation.

I take the opposite view. The trouble with most things you see in the theatre is that they are all too rational, because the author usually has a philosophy of life to put

across, and is manipulating the plot like crazy to justify his view. Whereas what's baffling about ordinary life is the way that happenstance - or fate, if you like kicks us for no reason at all. You haven't slept with your Mum. You haven't stabbed any Scottish kings. You haven't pinched any gold from the Rhine, or run off with Helen of plays and especially operas is often Troy. In short, you've missed out

on all the fun bits of tragedy, and jumped straight to the divine-retribution part. The car has conked out, your toddler has put his foot through the patio door, your molar aches, and you lose your wallet all on the same day. Who's punishing

erious art rarely captures this helplessness — ordinary folk struggling with the baphazard micro-disasters of our daily grind. That is because most genius-es are incapable of comprehending mediocrity. Samuel Beckett came close, in a pretendous sort of way. So did John Cage, whose most famous composition — four minutes and 33 seconds of total silence pithily defined human existence as a timespan containing absolutely

nothing of interest. And, strangely enough, the fly-

on-the-wall "docu-dramas" that are now so ubiquitous on television are useful in this context roo. I used to hate them, believing that they turned us all into mocking voyeurs. Now I realise that we love Hotel or Airport or The House not only because we enjoy a laugh at someone else's expense, but because they hold up a mirror to our own impotent rage when the fates buffer us unfairly.

Wouldn't life be sweeter if luck played no part — if people prospered or declined in absolute proportion to their talents and efforts? Don't be daft. It would be unbearable. Imagine reading about some brilliani former classmate who has gone on to do world-class medical research, marry some gorgeous pouting creature, and make a packet from astute investment - and not being able to dismiss him with a lofty 'he got a few lucky breaks". Unthinkable. We may feel that fate treats us badly, but boy, it makes a damn good excuse for failure. We all need one of them now and then.

ENO's unkind cuts

there was a tradi-oon of rhyming slang in Russia? Nor did I, but this became plain given what Della Jones's feisty Hostess of the Inn was up to while singing her song about a duck. What might have happened if the Tsarevich had been given his song about a parrol beggars the imagination, but he isn't in the ENO's rather peculiar conflation of Mussorgsky's two

main versions of the score. It seems that the original idea was to perform the second, complete with the Polish acts, a good idea since audiences here haven't seen it since the days of the Tarkovsky production at Covent Garden, but the Polish acts involve more singers, dancers and a change of decor, and times is hard. So we get basically the sevenscene original with the Kromy Forest Revolution tacked on at

id you know that Basil's Cathedral scene to avoid repetition. The Kromy Forest Jesuits don't make a lot of sense without the Polish acts, either. Budgetary constraint is all the rage nowadays, but it is good to be reminded every now and then of the losses involved.

Still, all the ingredients for a really good Boris are here, but they didn't quite cohere into the expected knockout show on Wednesday and it's hard to say why. The good things first. The ENO chorus was on stunning form, and one of the director Francesca Zambello's greatest strengths is her han-

dling of crowds: the fluidity of mass movement had throughout a thrilling epic dimension. And everyone sang the Lloyd-Jones translation with great care, none more so than John Connell's sonorous Pimen. rather vital since his role involves long narrations. The same was true of Robert the end, which involves removing the guts — ie, the Simpleton's Lament — from the St ance, most beautifully sung.



Time-travelling is also all

the rage nowadays. Hildegard

Bechtler's set is abstract, austere but helpfully adaptable under Wolfgang Göbbel's lighting. Nicky Gillibrand's costumes range from men in suits to near-traditional peasant garb. Yes, the action is timeless, and there is another Boris in the Kremlin today. There is a television monitor on which the people watch his coronation. The Tsar is wheeled about in a Boris-mobile. There are ten suited heavies with batons who beat people up, regularly. The ending is almost too pat: the Pretender (John Daszak, very good) en-ters in triumph in the same Boris-mobile with the same heavies. Er. yes.

What of the protagonist?

Boris is inevitably associated with another flawed ruler, Wotan - is in fine, smooth voice, phrasing the music as expressively as he projects the text. His journey from snazzy, grey-suited executive to cheerful family man to consciencestricken autocrat in traditional Russian shirt and fur is, at each stage, splendidly vivid but as yet doesn't quite hang together; his spectacular collapse in the Study Scene is in no sense prepared for — it comes as a shock, and it shouldn't. It was here, too, that Paul Daniel, in an otherwise carefully paced perform-ance, pushed ahead a little too fiercely, and Boris's solo be-came a very externalised interior monologue. The epic dimension so evident in the public

This could be a production that develops from performance to performance. We'll

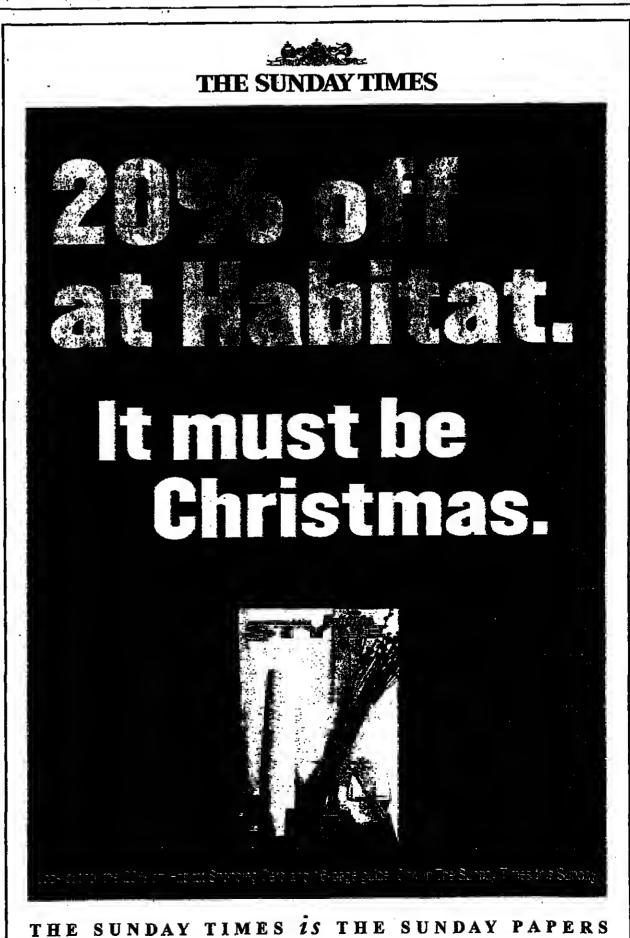
scenes went missing.

RODNEY MILNES



A whole less than its parts: despite John Tomlinson's fine, smooth voice. ENO's Boris Godunov failed to gel properly





Hats off to Garth Brooks

Tea and sympathy for the devil?

his time last year, when Q magazine de-cided to tackle the perennial question of exactly who is "the biggest band in the world", few casual ob-servers would have tipped Metallica for a place in the Top Five. But after a mass of statisocal data - including CD and concert ticket sales, airplay and other media exposure — was collected and compared, there they were, just ahead of the Rolling Stones and not far behind Oasis, U2 and the inevitable to the store Girls. table top dogs, the Spice Girls.

In Britain the very idea of locating Metallica among such mainstream, company seems faintly ridiculous. To the group's fans they are demigods, but among the broad mass of non-initiates there remains a lingering image of long-haired buffoons in scroturn-squeezing trousers crank-ing out an unlovely brand of ubermensch-rock at ear-threat-

"In certain places — England. Germany, Japan - Metallica still have this heavy metal tag," says the band's drum-mer. Lars Ulrich. "But in America we're just regarded as a rock band alongside R.E.M., U2, Beck, Courtney Love and whoever."

Ulrich, who is dressed and groomed casually but neatly, sits cross-legged amid the discreet opulence of a suite in Claridge's, where he and guitarist Kirk Hammett are staying. Unfortunately, Hammett ed a naturally athletic physis in the early throes of what is sique, and at the age of 34

What's a nice thrash metal monster like Lars Ulrich doing in a posh place like this? David Sinclair finds out

later diagnosed as appendicitis and cannot attend the interview. But Ulrich, who cofounded Metallica with singer and guitarist James Hetfield in San Francisco 17 years ago. has plenty to say.

The difference between hard rock and most other sorts of music is that for the fans it becomes part of an all-encompassing life-style," he says. But I can't live my life according to what they want from me.'

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on the biggest stag-es in the world would be disabused of the idea within minutes of meeting Ulrich in per-son. In real life, the Danishborn musician is clearly a man of wealth and taste, whose lifestyle could not be further removed from that of the stereotypical headbanger. The son of the former tennis pro Torben Ulrich, he bas inheritmaintains a keen interest in keeping fit. Metallica always stay at the best hotels, and when in London Ulrich usually pays a visit to Christie's auction house in search of paintings to add to his collection of

20th-century art. "The past five years I've calmed down a lot," he says. "Instead of keeping up with everything ⁶The that's happening in the rock world I'm touring content just to put on a John Coltrane thing is CD and kick back. Metallica are still fun, but it's no long-er a matter of life and death." Such a sanguine

attitude is in sharp contrast to the early days of Metallica,

when the group's fervour knew no bounds. By combining authentic metal thunder with the coolest of punk attitude, they virtually invented the searing heavy rock hybrid known as speed or thrash metal. When I first saw them, at London's Marquee club in 1984, they played with raw, minimalist zeal and at such a speed and volume that the performance verged on caricature: the Ra-

mones of heavy metal.

between Iron Maiden, Mo-törhead, Venom, the Anti-Nowhere League, Discharge and the Sex Pistols to say where it stopped being heavy metal and started becoming punk," Ulrich says. "We were turned on by the energy and attitude of punk, but we were also into the craft of songwriting and playing our instruments well." Metallica's forthcoming dou-

ble album, Garage Inc., is in part a celebration of an even earlier era in the group's devel-opment, when their set would routinely incorporate cover versions of their favourite artists' songs. It features every cover ver-

sion the band has ever re-leased (16 in all), together with 11 hastily assembled new recordings of songs previously committed to disc by other artists. Included are several numbers by Motorhead and Diamond Head (the two key influences on Metallica), along with songs from such varied sources as Budgie, Discharge, Black Sabbath, Killing Joke, Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Anti-No-where League, Blue Oyster where League, Blue Oyster Cult, Thin Lizzy, Bob Seger, Nick Cave and Queen.

the songs are by English acts, a reflection of Ulrich's and Hetfield's early fascination with the so-called New Wave Of British Heavy Metal. This hec-tic and short-lived scene. which blossomed at the turn of the 1980s, is described by David Fricke in his impressively researched liner notes to Garage Inc as "a fan-driven backlash to the platinum-rock aristocracy and the hokey grandeur of arena-show culture". But aren't Metallica in 1998

as much a part of the "platinum-rock aristocracy" as any of the bands they once railed against? "I wouldn't deny that or try to talk my way out of it," Ulrich says, somewhat haltingly. "But we've always kept the creative side as pure as we can. We follow our creative instincts wherever they take us, and I feel as if this record definitely marks the end of a chap-



Yes, it is Metallica's Lars Ulrich proving as adept with china as he is with his twin bass drums

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ter. The process is due for a shake-up.

Having worked together for 17 years, Ulrich and Hetfield both became fathers for the first time within seven weeks of each other this summer and, while he claims that fatherhood hasn't affected his thinking about the band as yet. Ulrich seems to be in a mood for reassessing his priorities. "The touring thing is becoming more like a chore and

sometimes I get very de-pressed just thinking about being on the road for long periods of time. And, as time goes by, playing the drums is less and less interesting to me. I have a drumkit set up at my house and I have to force myself to go in there sometimes."

So are Metallica the last great Monsters Of Rock? "Probably," Ulrich says. "Is that evasive enough? To be honest, it's hard for me to take a passionate stand one way or the other."

· Garage Inc is released by Vernigo/Mercury on Nov 23

Hands of gold

BRAD MEHLDAU Songs: The Art of the Trio. Vol. 3 (Warner Bros. 9362-47051-2) THOSE unable to get to see American pianist Brad Mehldau's solo performance tomorrow at the Purcell Room might console themselves with

Trio recordings, featuring bassist Larry Grenadier and drummer Jorge Rossy. Mehldau's classical training shows in his extraordinary sensitivity to nuance and subtledes of colouration, but his improvisational gift is what has led such luminaries as Pat Metheny and Charlie Haden

this, the third of his Art of the

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to rave about him. Here, Mehldau intersperses luxuriown intense, quirky compositions to produce a series of slow-building, meditative explorations packed with musi-cal wit and controlled drama. This elegant album can only enhance his already enviable reputation.

THE REMOTE VIEWERS Low Shapes in Dark Heat (Leo Lab CD 049)

THE Remote Viewers - so prano/alto player Adrian Northover, altoisi Louise Petts, tenor and synth player Dave Petts - are the three saxophonists from B Shops for the Poor, so those familiar with the parent group's blend of fierce improvisation and close-harmony regimentation will immediately recognise the trio's overall sound.

Their material, however - a mix of distinctive originals, many sounding like escapes from a lost soundtrack to Me-tropolis, and visits to Sun Ra's Astro Black, the theme to the TV series Callan and an affecting version of It was a Very Good Year — is more wideranging than B Shops' It all constitutes not only an absorbing set in its own right, but also a useful introduction to the work of the larger unit.

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Big, big country

The money-making juggernaut that is the Garth Brooks entertainment phenomenon last made a passing stop on mainland Britain around 1994, when the best-selling recording artist of the 1990s played to a Wembley Arena crowd that wore its cowboy hats with pride.

Then the juggernaut roared off again, and Brooks went about the business of amassing his almost unbelievable US album sales of 82 million. As Brooks prepares for next Monday's release of his Double Live album, his British fans seem to have been written out of the spectacular equation. But his Irish followers are in the thick of it, and glory-

ing in the compliment. On Wednesday evening at the Kings Hall Brooks played the first of the five Belfast shows with which he is concluding a tour that has thrown concert history into the statisticai blender. Over a 32-month period, he has played 347 shows in 99 cities to five mil-

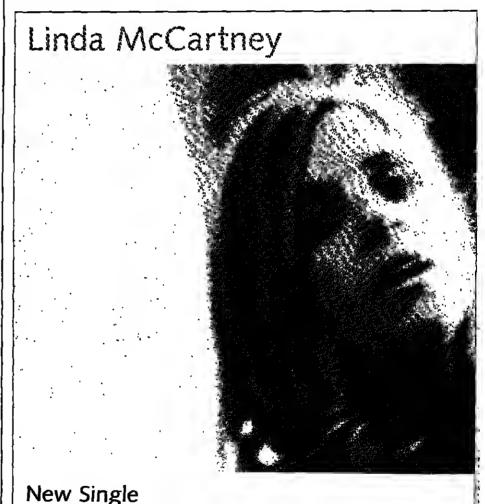
lion people. But if the statistics suggest that Brooks has become a one-man industry, that is to underplay his primary talent as an unparalleled communicator.

LIVE GIG At his afternoon press conference he explained that, as in

all previous 99 ports of call, TV crews would not have access to his show as their sound would not represent his performance in its best light. There spoke the single-minded businessman, but on to the stage came the consummate populist en-tertainer, and Belfast loved every moment. The 7,500 self-out crowd

knew every word, every note that the ever-humble Garth and his band served up, and most of those by Trisha Yearwood, who not only provided distinguished support but duetted with Brooks. The highlights of a show that took country, pop and gospel to the masses included Friends in Low Places and If Tomorrow Never Comes, for which the lighters came out in force. To call this irresistible burlesque more than mere country is not to question its lineage: Brookes comes from the heartland of American showbusiness that defies such categorisation, and it's hats off to him

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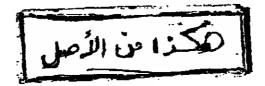
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NOVEMBER 13 1994 Garth Brooks

POP ALBUMS

Jewel sparkles with Spirit

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POP OPINION

Who really has the power?

A gem, plain and simple

NEW POP ALBUMS

JEWEL

(Atlantic 7567-82950 £14.99) THERE are moments when listening to Spirit, the followup to Jewel's ten million-selling debut. Pieces of You. that you realise where everyone

else has been going wrong.
Recent albums by Alanis
Morisserte, Tori Amos, Madonna and even Joni Mitchell have made heavy work of the vogue for turning self-analysis into song. But the 24-year-old Alaskan star converts her most personal feelings into words and music of much greater emotional resonance than her singer-songwriter confreres simply hy having the good sense to keep her material focused on the basics. Whot's Simple is True - a pretty, folk-based tune with a lyric that speaks in a universal language - could well be the album's manifesto.

There is, too, the engaging sense of an artist who is prepared to seek solutions to the worries of her world instead of merely cataloguing them. The religious undercurrents of songs such as Hands, Innocence Maintoined and Life Uncommon will not be to everyone's liking. "To be for-given we must first believe in sin," she sternly notes. But her constant cry of optimism in the face of adversity is a welcome antidote to the spiritual malaise that nowadays seems

to be the norm. Quite apart from the purity and depth of Jewel's vision, though. Spirit is about the pleasure of hearing an unadorned, bell-like voice in the service of good songs.

SEAL Human Being (Warner Bros 9362-46828 £14.99)

YOU wouldn't guess it to judge from his media profile here, but Seal's last album sold five million copies,

CDs reviewed in The Times can be ordered from the Times Music Shop on 0345 023498 700,000 of them in Britain. He

was, however, sidelined by Britpop and has now chosen in sign direct to his record label in America, where he has prospered for years. Ironically, though, Seal's

third album, Humon Being, marks something of a return to the cosmopolitan street-level influences acquired during his time spent growing up in London. Partly, one suspects, this is a result of the artist clawing back a measure of control from his longstanding produc-er. Trevor Horn. Whereas Horn has lended to over-egg the production, numbers such as Latest Craze, with its twitchy electro-funk rhythm track, and the moody Stote of Grace, a slow, trip hop-type shuffle, are given a more rootsy, less Baroque treatment than in the past.

Relieved of some of the clutter. Seal's husky voice has room to stretch and breathe, marvellously so on Lost My Foith, and goes sailing into a seriously haunted upper regis-ter during the mysterious Still

WHITNEY HOUSTON My Love is Your Love

(Arista 07822 19037 E14.99) "WHITNEY, like you've never heard her before!" proclaims the sticker on My Love is Your Love, the first full-length, non-soundtrack album from the soul diva in eight years.

And it is indeed an eye-opening set of tough, modern R&B songs which, for the most part, sound quite unlike the soggy power ballads for which she is best known. Partly this is due to Houston's less dewy-eyed approach to life in general, but mostly it is thanks to her and executive producer Clive Davis s judicious choice of producers and writers, including such happening figures as Missy Elliott, Faith Evans, Wyclef Jean and the super-talented 19-year-old writer/pro-

ducer Rodney Jerkins.

Too bad then that the first single is When You Believe, an simple-minded untypically duet with Mariah Carey, which sends out all the wrong



On Spirit, Jewel shows the likes of Alanis, Tori, Madouna and Joni how to bare your soul and retain your credibility

Resurrection (Telstar TCD3015 £12.99) IN ATTEMPTING to make

the transition from boy band pin-ups to credible, grown-up artists, the former East 17 have made an album of surprisingly plausible R&B songs interspersed with sultry soul bai-

Brian Harvey has a supple

numbers the three lads pull it off more often than not. The one serious shortcoming remains their lyrics which, apart from some cheeky incursions into R. Kelly territory ("Betcha can't stop thinking bout my love rock") generally express little beyond the blandest and most predictable of romantic

DAVID SINCLAIR

TOP 10 ALBUMS

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Geri and the pacemakers

Former Spice Girls — in fact, all pop stars - just don't figure among the nation's movers and shakers

rifying list of wrongness. The Power 300. published in The Observer, which purported to be a definitive list of who wields the real power in Britain as we slouch towards the millennium? According to the list, the former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell is the 111th most powerful person in Britain. Actually, Geri must he feeling her Girl Power is waning, compared with Noel Gallagher who - at No 49 is deemed to be more impotant than the Pope.

Other questionable power-rankings came in the form of Richard Ashcroft. lead singer of the Verve, at No 273, and Michael. George lead singer of George Michael, at 210. The former is a greasy-haired boy with limbs like a knotted

piece of string, and the latter wields so MORAN much power than when he attempted to regain the copyright of his own songs, he was beaten in court by Sony Records (the chairman of

which pops up at a mere 272).
Of course, these lists are compiled with a populist spin. At the beginning of their deliberations, the Power 300 panel discounted all members of the military, regulators and quan-go heads, ostensibly to reveal those with "serious purchase on the levers of power", but in reality, one suspects, to replace endless pictures of fat goutish sixtysomething Oxbridgians with people we actu-ally recognise. The other factor is the make-up of the Pow-er 300 panel itself. While Lord Hattersley and the chairman of Barclays Bank took care of the political and financial worlds, the panel member in charge of popular culture was Kate Thornton, who presents Top of the Pops every third week of course, I may have

id anyone see that ter- underestimated the amount of pop knowledge possessed by someone who stands around shouting, "And now, Cher!". Actually, no I haven't - the woman knows absolutely knack-all.

The amount of power wield-ed by pop icons has always been bysterically miscalculated. It's generally supposed that anyone who can persuade 20 million people to buy their album — as is the case with Noel Gallagher - is on a par with the chairman of Marks &

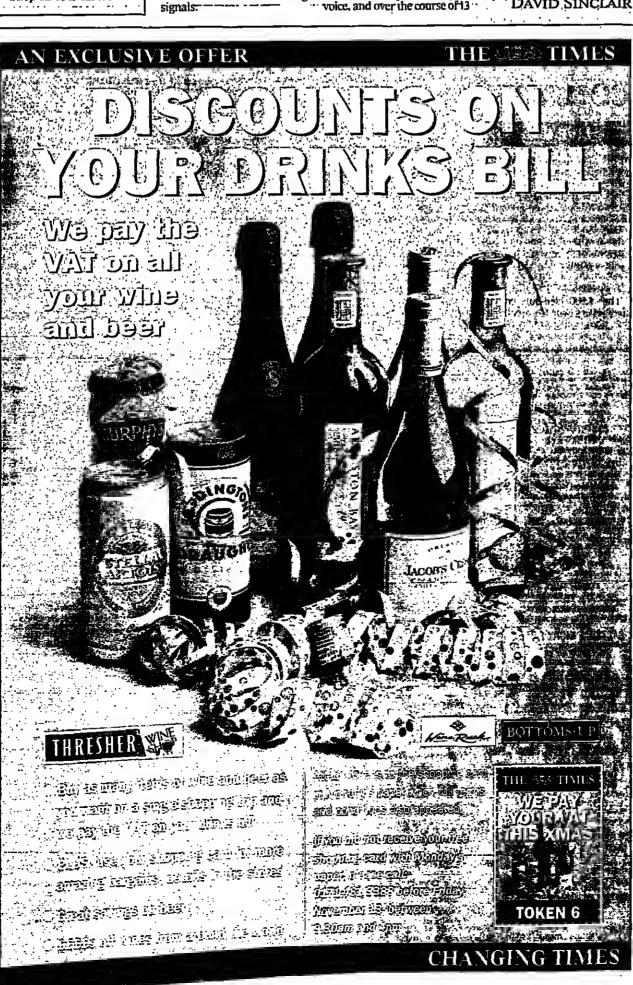
Spencer (No l8), re-sponsible for a cardy that sells a similar amount. But it ain't so - M&S works out what the market wants, de signs by top-quality committee, expen-sively think-tanks until the wee small hours and then markets with astonishing precision. Musi-

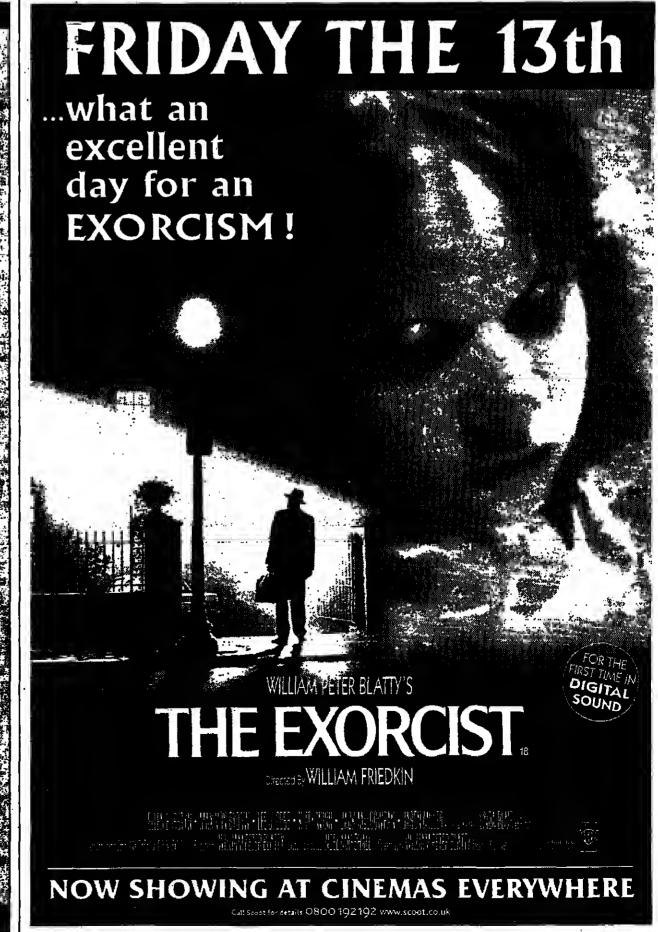
cians, on the other hand, get drunk and fall into a song. Selling shed-loads of your "accident" does not mark you out as a financial visionary: in the best possible sense. musicians don't know what they're doing.

T a, the people who really have their hands on the levers of power are, as always, public school-educated white men in their fifties and sixties, who prove their power daily by not havmg to tour Austria. sing "Happy Birthday" to Prince Charles or how harles, or have kids shout "Your last album was knackers" at them in the street.

Those who seek to "elevate" artists by ascribing power to them cripple the very thing that makes artists artists: they do it because it is beautiful, not because it is clever or right or important. If they start chasing songs in order to become







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Dame Kiri in fitful form

RECOMMENDED THIS WEEKEND

LONDON

SOUTH BANK MDC: A heady blend of jazz and classical is on offer here this weekend. Tomorrow (Festival Hall, 7.30pm) Christoph von Dohnémi conducts a concert performence by the Philhamonia Orchestra of Alban Berg's Expressionist opera Wozzeck. On Sundey (Queen Elizabeth Hall, 5pm) Djarngo Bates plays the keyboard with his band Human Chain for the first date of a UK tour.

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SHANG-A-LANG: Three 40-year-old girls aim to revive their lustful school-clays at a Glam Rock revival. Mites Bradwell directs a new play by the always shrewd Catherine Johnson. Bush, W12 (0181-743 3388). Opens resignt.

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ELSEWHERE

BELFAST: The Royal Sellet melos its first ever visit here with a season leaturing two exciting programmes: Kenneth MacMillan's sumptious three-acter Manon followed by a triple bill of works by Frederick Ashtron.

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Django Bates starts a British tour in the QEH

Grand Opera House (01232 241919). Opens longht, 7.45pm. (5)

BURNINGHAM: The violinist Teamin Little and the viola player Lers Anders Torrier join the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Choir in Delias's Double Concerto and Tipper's A Child Of Our Time. Symphony Hall (0121-212 3333). Tornorrow, 7.30pm. (§)

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Streisand by New Yorker specialist Steven Brinberg, who looks and sounds remarkably like the famous lady, Jermyn Street (0171-287 2875).

THE INVENTION OF LOVE: John Wood pleys the aged A.E. Housman twiting his early self in Tom Stoppard's glittening play, West End transfer for Flictiand Eyre's National Theatre Royal, Haymarket (0171-930

FILMS ON GENERAL RELEASE

Geoff Brown's choice of the latest movies

NEW RELEASES

BLADE (18): Extravagant, jumbled horror fantesy, fun for a time, with Wesley Shipos as the vampre-hunt-

FEAR AND LOATHING IN LAS

HENRY FOOL (18): Uncouth vagabond shakes up dysfunctional New Josey Jamily. Whimsical opic from Hal Hartley, with some great moments, With Thomes Jey Ryan, James Urbaniak, and Parker Posey.

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Norwegian thriller. With Stellan Skersgård; director, Erik Skjold-

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Loura Fraser, miscast, stars. Directed by actor Jeroen Krabbé. THE ODD COUPLE II (15): Mildly armung but urnecessary sequel, with Water Matthau and Jack Lam-mon as the mismached par reunited for a tamily wedding. Written by Net Simon, directed by Howard Deutch.

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ANTZ (PG): Naturatic ant finds himself a war hero. Ingenious computervoices of Woody Allen, Sharon Stone and Sylvester Stations.

MY NAME IS JOE (15): Refe Masgow alcoholic begins an wkward romance with a heal worker, impassioned marvel from director Ken Loach. With Peter Mullan and Louise Goodall. SNAKE EYES (15): Nicolas Cage's

corrupt hornicide cop is taced with a political assessination. Abourd thriller with lots of technical razzle-da from director Brian De Palma PRIMARY COLORS (15): John

Primarit Courts (19) and Travola's Presidential candidate rurs into eas scandals. Very polished political satile, outstripped by recent events. With Emma Thompson. Director, Mike Nichols.

Mum's the sad word

can offer an evening as nourishing as this after seven days' rehearsal, my critical stomach feels decidedly hungry for next autumn, when it plans to move into its new home in Dean Street and hone its work more thoroughly than is possible when it is staging five plays in just four weeks. Certainly Abigail Mor-ris, who is the director of the company as well as of this parneular production, should consider including Amanda Whitongton's Be My Baby in her opening season. Even if Eleanor Bron, Diana Quick and the



rest of an excellent cast are off making trillion-dollar movies or performing lead roles for the RSC, the play should not be allowed to become another forgotten fringe statistic.

If one wished to carp, one

might complain that the sort mother-and-baby home shown here cannot exist any more, even in the more puritan reaches of northern England. Young pregnant women are no longer dressed in green pinnies, required to sing hymns after a day of domestic chores, or, I would like to believe, forced at emotional gunpoint to give up their infants for adoption. But 1965, when the play occurs, is not so far from us. The social attitudes it shows cannot all have evaporated in a magic burst of post-Diana togetherness or spurious Blairite warmth. Only the self-destructive forget their his-tory, especially their recent his-

Moreover. Whittington does plenty to answer such objec-



tions. Maybe Quick's pursed, prissy Mrs Adams, who has somehow concealed her daughter's pregnancy from her husband and is prepared to sacrifice a grandchild rather than risk moral untidiness in her orderly home, seems a bit of a caricature in these tolerant times. But Eleanor Bron. playing the matron, is anything but. She makes you feel the regret, the rueful worldly wisdom of a woman who has reason to know that, were

these girls to take their babies into the world outside, the resuit would most likely be ostracism and disaster. "Where will you go?" she repeats. "How will you five? There is no other Or is there? Kaye Wragg's

Mary Adams is locked into her dorm when she threatens to leave, has her baby with the help of her room-mate, and yet, despite better-than-average education and resourcefulness, still finds herself unable

to prevent the bawling little bundle being gently but permanently removed. The same unwilling fatalism affects Anna Madeley's Norma, who ends up psychotically searching for her child in cupboards and drawers, and even Lucy Speed's tough, streetwise Queenie - a marvellous performance, this last, packed with a son of brassy vulnerability.

Again and again the girls sing period pop songs about love and marriage, especially marriage. And still their uninvited yet desperately wanted offspring are dispatched to nice professional families in nice middle-class places. Whitrington's delve into the parental archives is simple and. I suppose, not hugely inventive. But you don't have to be young, female or unmarried to find it intensely touching.

NIGHTINGALE

BENEDICT

Pain in short bursts wake or drop his trousers. The gay teenager who outs himself is a regu-



Smoke screen: Tina Malone as the neighbour with true grief

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lar character in Jonathan Harvey's plays, most fa-mously in Beautiful Thing. and here he is again in this latest piece. directed by Gemma Bodinetz and first shown at Liverpool's Everyman Theatre. But here the focus of attention is on his Dad. still stewing in the juice of remorse that he and his two young sons survived the Hillsborough disaster while % other fans were crushed or tra pied to death Every April Terry goes quiet, won't come to bed, doesn't

smile, can't communicate and is truly a trial for wife, children and, it has to be said, seetions of the audience. Colin Tierney's gaunt performance indicates the real presence of pain, but his survivor's guilt, if this is what it is, has now continued for nine years and it is time, argues Harvey in the words of the gay son (Carl Ricel, for him to let it go.

Unbelievably, the shock of the son's arrest for having sex **Guiding Star** ··· Cottesloe

in some public place jerks.Terry back to the present. Laughter breaks from him, he digs out an old John Lennon tape. sheds his seasonal fear of confined places and takes his devoted wife for a drive down memory lane. Even though this sentimental resolution is ful boy's decision to leave home, the cop-out is there. Nothing has occurred to make the play logically develop towards his Dad's improve-

Harvey's wrining can be brave, shrewd and funny, but the structure he gives his plays belongs to television soaps. where short scenes in different settings (house, yard, beach, boat, forest, railway cutting) are cut off just as somebody is about to reveal a piece of news. deliver an ultimatum, attend a

Once, or perhaps twice, this trick can be effective in building tension: more often, and suspense becomes impatience. Holding back from the full

length of a scene is characteristic of the characters too. "Drop it!" shouts Tracey Wilkinson. playing Terry's long-suffering wife, whenever her sons ask awkward questions. All Harvey's older characters seem to live by fits and starts, except for Tina Malone's mountaingrief (a dying son) shockingly fails to excite Terry's concern.

Kieran O'Brien's straight son looks suitably agonised when his boat drifts out to sea and Samantha Lavelle, his unstoppably chattering girl. brings light relief in a sequence of paintbox-bright outfits with dangling tassels. Bruce Macadie's plain set is boring, but at least the pieces of furniture are moved swiftly on and off.

JEREMY KINGSTON

sentimental numbers by Ivor Novello and Irving Berlin, a dash of Gershwin, and Cameloube's Chants d'Auvergne. But for bizarre reasons Te Kanawa decided to start off with a group of Richard Strauss songs in their orchestral versions. Ståndchen made a distinct-

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ly tremulous start, and it was not until she reached Morgen

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even provide a little revenue for the ticket touts.

But she and her advisers still

appear to be struggling to de-

vise the right sort of concert

programme for her voice at this stage in her career. Much of the music chosen

for Wednesday's appearance

was designed to have the cosy.

showbizzy feel of Radio 2 on

weekend evenings. There were

iri Te Kanawa can fill the Albert Hall and



that memories of her Countess

in Capriccio at Glyndebourne last summer started flowing back. This beginning was not helped by the hall's naff lighting, switching colour for no good reason and often very bad ones. It might have passed muster in the Roseland Ballroom, but that is not Richard Strauss's natural habitat. The lighong board also did its best to mess up Canteloube, but with favourite numbers such as Bailero Te Kanawa was back with the creamy, dreamy tone that is her very

The second half was distinctly West End. Even with microphones sprouting around the hall Te Kanawa was in littul form as a musical comedy star. Of two numbers from Novello's The Dancing Years one went gracefully and the other bumpily, with the ghost of Vanessa Lee hovering in the air, saying she was the person who really knew how to handle such sentimental pieces.

Berlin was similarly une-ven: What'll I Do? was stylishly blue, but the gutsier numbers came cocooned in too many inhibitions. It was not until the first encore that the audience was allowed to hear what Te Kanawa usually does best, and that is sing arias. O

The Royal Opera House orchestra, clearly happy to have some engagements in these. their darkest days, showed off under Robin Stapleton in Chabrier's España, inappropriately and uncomfortably placed after the Strauss songs. But they sounded ill at ease in Gershwin's Girl Crazy overture. Covent Garden and Shaftesbury Avenue are two different worlds, with many a pitfall between.

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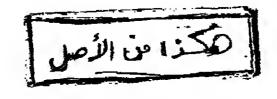
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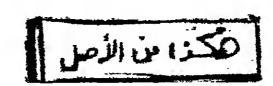
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The issue of MPs and their sexuality over the past few weeks has led to a vast outpouring of humbug that tells us a lor about the state of society and the workings of the media.

Not for the first ome some of the purest humbug has come from the BBC in the form of a memo that reads: "Under no circumstances whatsoever should the allegations about Peter Mandelsoo's private life be repeated or referred to in any broadcast." The memo is still in

Guests invited by a local BBC radio station this week to discuss the press, privacy and gay MPs were told by the producer that the Trade and Industry Secretary should not

be mentioned by name.
At least the BBC is being consistent and politically unbiased. There was another memo, issued on February 7, 1995, which forbade any discussion on air of the sexuality of two Conservative ministers, Michael Portillo and Peter Lilley. The memo stated: "It is important that programmes do not seek by innuendo to give further credence to damaging allegations which, to the best of

our knowledge, are not true." Anne Sloman, the author of the Mandelsoo memo, was almost certainly correctly interpreting the BBC guidelines against the gratui-

The safest solution is to step out of the closet

tous discussion of the sex lives of politicians for no public purpose and, as she has subsequently argued, the mere fact that a piece of information is in the public domain is not sufficient to justify the BBC reporting it - or. in this case.

continuing to report it. It seems a rather Quixotic policy in the days when news can flash around the world in seconds, and where the surest way of gaining the widest publicity for information is to instruct one of the biggest groups of journalists in the world not to refer to it.

Where there are live programmes there will be live indiscretions, t1 is certainly arguable whether to out Mandelson live on Newsnight. But once the words have been spoken and the genie is out of the bottle, no BBC memos or guidelines can put it back, particularly as nobody is deny-



the signs are that Mr Mandelson. and several Cabinet colleagues, were against him being singled out, by name, for apparent special treatment in a memo that all fovolved

knew would be instantly leaked.
It is an iron law of the media that any attempt to suppress information inevitably draws more attention to it. It is ome for the BBC to have further thoughts, not necessarily about the guidelines themselves but about what should happen when they have been inadvertently broken, certainly in the case of prominent fig-ures such as Cabinet ministers. Ab-

of the BBC. Newspapers have also had a difficult week, with the usual cast of characters calling for the introduction of privacy legislation or the strengthening of the Press Complaints Com-

mission (PCC) to protect privacy. Privacy legisla-oon suffers from a number of practical flaws, not least the matter of legal costs. The biggest problem is that such legislation would defeat its

own purpose.
It is hard to imagine anything more calculated to destroy privacy than a court hearing. The same applies in a less extravagant way to adjudications by the PCC: Nick Brown, the Agriculture Minister, is merely the latest in a long list of high-profile people who have decided not to make a formal complaint against the press.

The problem for the media in deal-

homosexuality is that the public mood is still in transition and probably varies by generation. On the whole the public is becoming more tolerant and accepting. The case of Ben Bradshaw, the Exeter MP, is particularly compelling. He was open about his sexuality, was attacked for it, and the electorate gave

him a thumping majority.

We are heading for a situation where politicians can be open about themselves without suffering at the polls, and the sooner that happens the better for all concerned, including newspaper editors and BBC poli-cy advisers. Prostitution and cruising for pick-ups will remain another matter, and that applies equally to heterosexual politicians.

A role model is Chris Smith, the Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport, who has been, at least in recent years, open about being gay. Now nobody raises an eyebrow, and his partner is in-vited with him to attend official func-

His is an example that should be followed by any Cabinet ministers still in the closet. This would instantly remove temptation from the hands of oewspaper editors - and, after all, why should consenting adults be embarrassed about

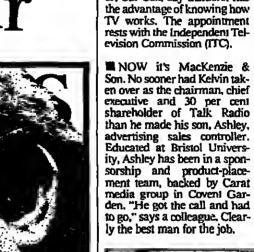
Blairs' friend wooed to keep out privatisers

■ CHANNEL 4 is lobbying hard for Barry Cox, former LWT millionaire director, to on Sunday — at the Shoenberg Royal Television Society lecture this week. be its deputy chairman when So I asked him afterwards Bert Hardy steps down in Dewhich system he was going to cember. Cox, through a happy property accident (trading down after a divorce), was a use at home. Interestingly, he's sticking with Sky (analogue) until things have senled neighbour of the Blairs when they lived in Hackney and be-came a good friend. He's part of the ex-LWT "mafia", whose down. Plus, he says, some services which he currently values on Sky, such as CNN, are not available yet on Sky Digital. This needs to be sorted out. members include Sir John Birt, Sir Christopher Bland and Greg Dyke, and has honed his lobbying skills work-ing for the ITV Association ■ THE rumoured appoint

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ment of Gavyn Davies, the former Treasury adviser, to the Government's BBC fund-Channel 4's board knows ing review, the subject of questhat privatisation will return oons in Parliament, looks like with a vengeance and calcuclever fixing by that defender lates that Cox's policial con-tacts will be invaluable in fightof public service broadcasting Chris Smith, the Culture, Me ing off Gordon Brown's Treasdia and Sport Secretary. Davury advisers. Hardy, chief exies, along with Andrew Graecutive of European Press ham, a Channel 4 director and Holdings, is an anti-privaos-Oxford economist, wrote a key er, but Cox, say insiders, has chapter in a BBC-sponsored book, Paying for Broadcast-ing. He opined that a higher licence fee should be charged for digital TV, that it should increase in line with labour costs, not inflation, and "that once the BBC is destroyed or fatally wounded, there would be no going back. It would be difficult to recreate 70 years of

public broadcasting culture once it had disappeared." ■ NEXT Thursday sees the ITC's ten members decide on whether News at Ten should go. I'm told the chairman, Sir Robin Biggam, wants the meeting to come to a unanimous decision. The ITC resents the





show host, the slot which Kirsty Young vacated as soon as the takeover talks began last June. If MacKenzie is to turn around Talk Radio - losing £8 million a year -; then his breakfast show has to perform much better.

Baker, with Danny Kelly, anchors Saturday's sports commentary for Talk but is roundly beaten by David Mellor on Radio 5 Live in the evening. The odd thing is that Paul Robinson, ousted as Talk Radio's managing director by MacKenzie, opened up discussions with Baker about the breakfast show in August. Baker's agents then sounded out Radio S Live, which said thanks but no. Baker, whose estuary-English accent travels badly north of Watford, is regarded by certain BBC bosses as a "disaster" since he hosted Radio I's Saturday and Sunday morning shows. However, he may fit on an anarchic talk programme with lots of

independent radio news with its service. The news that Baker may be leading Talk's push for rat-ings has thrilled the BBC. "We are very comfortable with that

football, though I hear that Sky News is likely to replace

news," says an executive. ■ GARY TONGE, the director of engineering for the ITC. who is blessed with the rare knack of being about to speak of technical matters in ordinary English, demonstrated the rival charms of Sky Digital and ONdigital - which starts

■ DANNY BAKER is expect- degree of political pressure it ed to be named next week as is under, but given the wide Talk Radio's new breakfast public support for the programme (74 per cent of people polled by the Pace TV set-top manufacturer say it should stay), it seems that its ruling is bound to be a fudge.

Interestingly, Ray Kelly, who as chairman and chief executive of media buyers Carat Group UK is one of the ad world's most powerful figures, is convinced that News at Ten is staying put.

■ GLAD to report that even in the fickle world of youth magazines, you're not past it at 30. Company, the go-getting glossy aimed at women in their early twenties, has appointed a new editor. Sam Baker, who is joining from Minx and before that Inst 17, where she put up sales by 220 per cent. She's planning to shake up Company's dated design. When Ms Baker first rang me. she had just come back from a shopping trip with her Mum.

All very reassuring. Question: "How old are you?" Answer: "Thirty-two." Do you think I should lie about it?"

Absolutely not.

THE Advertising Effectiveness Awards, organised by the Institution of Practiooners in Advertising, was an odd affair. Agencies are so keen to be taken seriously by business that despite loads of wellresearched campaigns, no adverts were shown at the event. but the audience was subjected to three speeches. It fell between two stools. An event, which needs to be rethought.

ing the truth of the words. Indeed, solute bans make a laughing stock ing with the issue of politicians and expressing their true nature? FT readers swing to Labour

The nation's intellectual elite is abandoning the Tories, says Robert

M. Worcester ritain's financial and intellectual leadership has swung sharply behind the Blair Government since it took office 18 months ago, according to a MORI analysis carried out for The Times. Sup-port for the Opposition among readers has slumped from 42 per cent at the general election

to just 35 per cent in the third quarter of this year. At the election, Labour captured only 28 per cent of readers' votes; if a general election were held tomorrow, however, 47 per cent of Times readers who would go to the polls say they would now vote Labour. This is a swing of +13 percentage points, the equivalent of some 13 Times readers in 100 having switched from supporting the Tories then to support-

ing Labour now. Readers of the Financial Times have swung even more sharply to Labour, some 21 in 100 (see table).

MORI's aggregate of seven voting intention polls during the third quarter of this year (including the three monthly polls for The Times) provides large enough sample sizes to analyse the political affiliations of readers of most national newspapers, and to track them over time, in this case since the election. More than 13.000 interviews nationwide were taken by MORI during the election (excluding its exit poll for ITN), and more than 13,000 in the third quarter of

At last year's general election, Labour won 44 per cent of the vote and the Tories 31 per cent, a 13 per cent lead. Since then, the gap has widened considerably, with Labour up to 54 per cent in the third quarter of this year and the Tories down to 27 per cent. a 7 per cent swing nadonally.

FT readers are also much more likely now to say that they wouldn't vote at all than -readers of any other broad-



Going Tony Blair's way: more and more readers of the quality press have declared themselves potential Labour voters since the election

would not vote if there were a general election tomorrow, a higher proportion of readers than of any other daily except the Daily Star (15 per ceni). and almost double the average for quality press readers.

This was also true at the 1997 election, when the 9 per cent of FT readers who would not vote matched the apathy of Sun readers and of those taking no daily regularly; overall. only 4 per cent of broadsheet readers told us then that they would not vote. In 1992, by contrast, FT readers were almost as likely to vote as other broadsheet readers, with only S per cent saying they would not

Second place in terms of swing is shared by The Times and the Independent on Sunday: both readerships have swung 13 per cent since the election on our third quarter figures. In the case of Times readers this is a shift from a Tory lead, 42 per cent to 28 per cent as noted above, but in addidon the Lib Dems were on 25 per cent last year and now have fallen to 15 per cent.

The swing among Sunday Times readers has been almost as high - 12.5 per cent. However, lest this be cited as evidence of the power of the Murdoch press drawing support towards Tony Blair, it should be noted that the readership of The Sun has swung less than average (only 5.5 per cent) over the same period, and of the News of the World by the same 7 per cent as the whole adult population. Readers of the middle-mar-

ket papers have swung by slightly more than the national average, as the table shows. The lowest swings since 1997 have been, with one excepoon, among the tabloids, whose readerships were al-

ready strongly Labour - natu-

ral enough, since with so few

Tory readers to begin with,

any likelihood of further swing is hit by a law of diminishing returns. The two main Scottish Sun-

day tabloids. The Sunday Mail and Sunday Post, also swung 3 per cent and 3.5 per cent respectively. But the joker in this pack, with a readership more Tory than any other title and yet with a swing since 1997 of only 3 per cent, is The Sunday Telegraph, among whose readers the Tories still lead Labour by 57 per cent to 26 per cent. The Daily Telegraph's readership has swung somewhat more, 5.5 per cent, though still less than the na-donal average.

MORI interviewed 13.544 British adults aged 18-plus during the 1997 general election campaign (March 21 -April 29) and 13,219 during the third quarter of 1998. Data were

• Robert M. Worcester is the chairman of MORI.

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The head of the first digital terrestrial TV service plans to keep the launch low-key. Raymond **Snoddy** reports

on October I, a huge party was held in the shell of Battersea Power Station, within sight of Sky's rival. ONdigital.

When the latter launches the world's first digital terrestrial television service on Sunday, it will mark the event in a most unusual way - there will be no party and the various broadcasters that will together offer 30 channels of digital terrestrial will carry out their own on-screen launches. This is work as usual. I've told staff there will be a party when we sign one million subscribers," says Stephen Grabiner, the head of ONdigital, the main commercial digital terrestrial player, which has put together

a 15-channel service. To provide a visual memory or at least a photocall, of the digital terrestrial switch-on. Ulrika Jonsson, the television personality, will light up the Crystal Palace transmitter, a sight that should be seen all over London. One reason for the low-key approach is that few people will be able to see the launch-day programmes. as the digital decoders do not

go on sale until tomorrow. ing director of The Daily Telegraph who went on to run the newspaper end of United News and Media, concedes that the launch schedule for ONdigital has been tight. "One of the first things I did when I came in was to say we



ONdigital's Stephen Grabiner: "We are going to be for the people who want slightly more high-quality television"

would launch in November. terrestrial channels and ITV 2 Everyone thought I was a lunatic. It was only 11 months from when we got our licence but one by one we've knocked down all the obstacles," says Grabiner.

He refuses to set any targets, other than to try to reach the one million figure — and the party as soon as possible, Although digital terrestrial cannot offer as many channels as satellite or digital cable, which launches next year, it can offer extra choice through the existing TV aerial. "We are deliver-

channels' ing the best channels in the simplest

way," says Grabiner, adding that "Middle England" does not want dozens of channels but ten or so good-quality ones. ONdigital subscribers will have access to eight "free" channels in digital, plus a much faster, more sophisticated version of Teletext, the five

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will have to pay the full price of the decoder, almost £400, rather than the subsidised £199 offer. For their first three months, ONdigital subscribers will receive all the "primary" channels for £7.99 a month, channels such as UK Gold, UK Horizons, Sky One, Eurosport, Granada Plus, Carlton

Cinema and the Cartoon Network. Subscribers will then be able to choose their six favourite channels for £7.99. Viewers will pay extra for premium channels such as Sky Sports, including Premier League football (News International, the owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake in

BSkyB) and the FilmFour subscription channels.

We are not trying to chase the 30 per cent who are al-ready signed up to multichannel television). Grabiner says. "All of our marketing is aimed who want a bit more decent TV: they want ITV and the BBC and they'll probably buy a sport or movie package."

He believes that the competitive world of national newspapers, and the idea that people have a choice and that you have to satisfy the market, have honed his skills. ONdigital estimates that 70 per cent of the country will be able to receive the service at launch, rising to 90 per cent by the end of next year. But even when digital terres-

trial is available, not everyone will be able to receive the entire service. A report published yesterday by Claritas, the market research group, suggested that only 43 per cent of UK households will be able to receive the full service. The study - based on data supplied by the Independent Tele-

vision Commission - identified particular blackspots such as Liverpool, Hull, Coventry and much of Wales.

ONdigital is aiready finding that engineering predictions are proving conservative, and that people who were not supposed to get a full service are actually doing so now that many channels have been switched on. The system is already showing high-quality pictures and sound.

ONdigital, which is jointly owned by the two biggest ITV groups, Carlton and Granada. has begun poster and newspaper advertising, and the television campaign starts on Sunday, part of a £90 million marketing budget over the next 12 months. Brochures are now being posted to 150,000 people who have called expressing

"We're going to fill the gap of Middle England. We will be for the people who want slightly more high-quality television and want to receive it in a simple way. It's not going to be SkyDigital; it's going to be ONdigital," Grabiner says.

Mopping up the blood at M&S

MARKS & SPENCER has and taking another elsebeen regarded, long and deservedly, as a model company. So seeing a board-room row in M&S. as one journalist put it this week, is like seeing Queen Elizabeth the Oueen Mother hit some-

one with her handbag. What we have witnessed recently is a rare display of inelegance from the company, and a reminder that even the best can look like children in the playground at times of pressure. It is also the type of affair instantly described as a PR issue. Well, plainly that is so since the world has been reading about it.

The question of who will succeed Sir Richard Greenbury as chief executive has been brought into focus because of a set of pressures on M&S's profitability, including what the company calls

a "bloodbath" in clothing: but also because it has allowed certain perceptions to gain currency: perceptions of autocracy, of concentration of power, of an "ivory tower" mentality; of clumsy com-mercial response - and because it has not shown sensitivity in handling predictable external concerns.

The last of these is the PR issue. But we should be confident that M&S will soon restore order, after this chastening reminder that companies, like people, are judged by what they say and how they say it as well as by what they do.
The S in M&S will again

stand for success.

■ GARDENING LEAVE is now a familiar phrase to describe the hiatus between a heavy hitter leaving one job

So, imagine that a gardener who departed to tend his flowers in early August is now back in action. When he left, the FTSE 100 was around 5.400. Today it is again around 5,400. Seemingly, nothing much has happened (assuming that he has read nothing between omes about liquidity crunches, market crashes and the halving of some share prices). But: as this column argued last month, the fundamentals always cui through -

and as The Daily Telegraph wrote last Saturday, "panick-ing can damage your

■ REGULATION is in the air. Financial PR is not regulated, yet it is a serious business. It is a profession that deals with core strategic advice and market-sensitive communications, and is frequently made a scapegoat for leaks. Everyone else is

> rally clients will pay more However, debate on the subject could give the impression that we in financial PR do not already have to abide by rules. In fact we are bound by the Stock Exchange Yellow Book, by the Takeover Panel Blue Book - and indeed, by com-

regulated. We should be, too

- and thus benefit from our

increased status, which natu-

mon sense.

■ SECURITY is often cen-

tral to PR. So confidential

which is fine, except when you find that you are working on three projects that have independently been And if you do have a deal

give the same codename. party list, the security can be blown when, as in the case of Nestle's acquisition of Rowntrees, it was headed, "Project X. 1 Nestlé Avenue".

ROADSHOWS are an in-

trinsic part of flotations and other capital-raising exercises. But they can involve a great deal of travel and a punishing schedule of presentations, meetings, breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Well-organised, and with a properly planned

presentation, they work extremely well, and it is possible to make the constant travel relatively painless. The real killer is bore-

The presentation has to be carefully scripted and legally verified, and departure from publicly dislosed information is not on. After the twentieth presentation, the element of fun has completely disappeared - which is why diversions are a welcome temptation on the

On one recent venture, four-inch toy Penguins became the roadshow mascot. which is why the US investor, on the other end of the telephone during a roadshow conference call, was puzzled to hear, in the middle of the answer to his question: "My finance director is playing with his Penguin".

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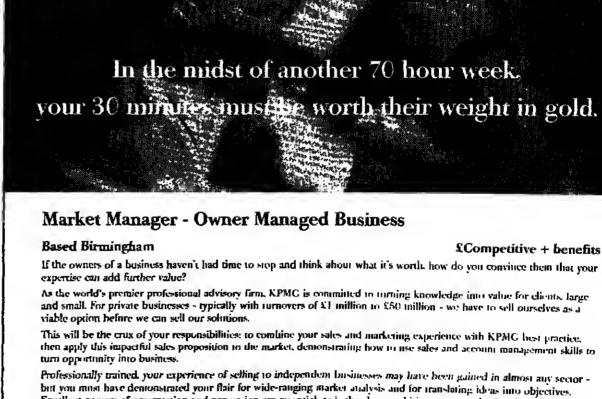
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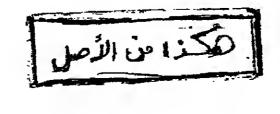
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Have **Viewers** had enough of the insides story?

The human body hits our screens again. Anjana Ahuja reports

think I am suffering from human body fact fatigue. Although I still giggle childishly at the revelation that my rotund neighbour will have sex 2.580 times during his lifetime, interest is waning in the 600 miles of hair that I will grow during mine. Thanks to The Human Body, the supposedly definitive BBC documentary series about how bodies work, I have grown weary of programmes that promise to bring me simi-lar trivia accompanied by an inside view of my insides.

That is why Channel 4's series about the human body. which began last night, de-serves to be an almighty flop. Not only does Body Story bear a remarkably similar name to its predecessor, but it too, promises to shine a hitherto unshone light, with lashings of super-duper animation, on my innards. Worse, it has been made on a fraction of the million-pound budget of its rival. does not come accompanied by acres of publicity (The Human Body screened the first death on British television, and showed naked teenagers) and lacks a frontman with the status of the fertility supremo Lord Winston. In fact, it has no presenter at all. And the documentaries are billed as docu-dramas. What

was the channel thinking of? "We did try to think of other names, such as The Voyage Within or Inside Story, but this is what we ended up with." admits Sara Ramsden, who commissioned the series knowing that the BBC project was under way. "In an ideal world the two series would not have been scheduled so closely. But they are quite different."

Indeed, although many potential viewers may never realise it. While The Human Body followed the usual documentary format, Body Story uses actors to play out a storyline, with the drama interrupted to show animations of what goes on inside a character's body. And where The Human Body was self-consciously grandiose, Body Story is refreshingly modest leach of the six episodes is only 24 minutes long).

The lower budget probably meant that animaoon was used sparingly, to great effect, The acting was so engaging and the narrative so strong that an on-screen presenter would have been intrusive. Just the right amount of science was delivered by an excellent script and a plain voiceover. My fear that the series would end up being an appalling blend of Tov Story, Lakesiders and 999 was unjustified. My only-reservation is that viewers may not know what is real and what is animation.

The first instalment. Under Pressure, was as gripping as anything Casualty offers, though it occasionally had the feel of a public health warning. Our role model for the day was John, a 45-year-old construction foreman who eats burgers and fizzy drinks and enjoys the odd cigarette. Interspersed sequences of animation show cholesterol accumulating in his arteries, which make it harder for blood cells to circulate. Then he joins in a game of football. To keep going he needs more oxygen, so the heart - depicted in dramatic detail - pumps faster. Only a callous viewer wouldn't pray

for John to take a rest.



With each twist in the plot we are shown a picture of Greg's increasingly marinated brain of the ITC September meeting. ries that aims to depict the so- are a PKK terrorist," he said.

in two weeks time, contrasts the higher, evolved brain that controls our everyday behav-iour with the animal instincts that push us to eat and reproduce, is more in the This Life vein. Greg and Laura, two colleagues who fancy each other. finally get it together at a friend's party, where their snog is interrupted.

With each twist in the plot we are shown a depiction of Greg's increasingly marinated brain. The very funny script and sombre voiceover explain, with painful clarity, why peo-ple on the pull should remain sober at all omes. Despite the bad timing.

Ramsden got what she wanted: "We didn't want to be overambitious. We wanted it to be fresh, innovative and intrigu-ing. We wanted people to get to grips with the minutiae of what goes on in their bodies without it feeling like a school programme." She says the BBC's position as a "broadcaster of record" means its docu-

mentaries end up "a bit staid". There is no way that Body Story can be accused of that. Ramsden says: "I don't think people's appetite for this stuff is waning." I hope she is right.

● Body Story, 9pm, Thursdays

P&G opens its doors

■ AGENCIES everywhere will have lem local brands. Look at refelt a tingle down the spine this week with the news that Procter & Gamble, the world's largest advertiser, is to relax its draconian policy on client conflict.

Perhaps spine-tingling isn't the right word to describe the prospect of working on brands ranging from Ariel to Fairy, Pantene to Pampers. Rather, the dollar signs will have gone up in front of their eyes because P&G is, arguably, the bestpaying, most committed big advertiser.



Well-tressed: P&G's Pantene

Until now, agencies that held competitive accounts (Colgate Palmolive, Unilever, Henkel), even in different product categories, could not work on P&G business. This week P&G said that it would open its doors to agencies other than its big four. Grey, Saatchi & Saatchi, Leo Burnett and DMB & B.

I doubt that we will see P&G hiring J Walter Thompson, which works on Unilever's Persil, to handle Ariel, but it may turn to smaller creative agencies to produce more inventive advertising on probcent work for Lynx, Batch-Birds Eye for an industry

precedent. P&G has also called agencies to its Cincinnati world headquarters to outline its new payment policy. Previously fixed at a 15 per cent commission rate, this is to be reduced by upwards of one percentage point and an element of fee-based remuneration is to be introduced.

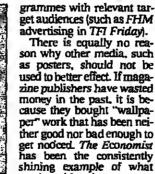
If agencies are paid purely on commission, they make more money the higher the media spend. Fees allow agencies to offer more "honest" advice. The only surprise being how long it has taken P&G to wake up to this fact.

■ IPC PARTWORK publishers aside, magazine houses rarely take advertising seriously. TV campaigns, in particular, have been deemed relatively expensive for the returns they might bring.
The larger publishers have too many

brands to be able to afford to support each consistently. Advertising has been used as a short-term, tactical weapon not a long-term branding tool. But over the past year there have been

big campaigns behind Red and FHM from Emap. Now, conscious of the success of the Red launch in particular, other publishers are following suit. This week IPC pledged to spend £25 million next year on marketing its brands. It has already begun a campaign for TV Times. And with Loaded and the new-look NME and Melody Maker, the first otles to be promoted next year, it is looking for a new ad agency. Hello! is also to seek a full-time agency partner for the first time further proof that the celebrity otle has indeed been rantled by its rival OK!.

There is no reason why, with smart media planning and buying, magazine brands should not be able to afford television as long as they stick to pro-



■ THE Institute of Practiooners in Advertising's Effectiveness Awards, set up 20 years ago, have had a makeover, partly to convince clients that advertising can have an effect not just on consumers, but also on the City and employees. Campaigns were awarded Michelin-

can be achieved.

style stars, but there was still a Grand Prix winner. The Health Education Authority's anti-drugs campaign was deemed the most effective of the past two years. The insight behind it was sharp young people take drugs not because they are pressurised into doing so, but because they choose to. The creative work - bodies with skin stripped away to reveal what drugs do to our insides was fresh and provocative. But where was the proof that it worked?

The winning paper cited as "evidence" £28 million being diverted from the black economy, saving industry £11 million a year in lost working days and £3 million on drug education. There were also said to be "savings" on the longterm cost of treating people who "might" have had Ecstasy-related depression.

It is this kind of statistical manipulation that gives politicians a bad name. For it to have won over excellent case histories from the likes of Volkswagen and One 2 One was, to be polite, surprising.

Stefano Hatfield is the Editor of Campaign

Kurdish TV station faces ban for bias

times

he official regulator of all commercial television broadcasts in Britain is this week likely to issue a harsh ruling over complaints against a Kurdish-lan-guage satellite television sta-tion that Turkey calls a mouthpiece for terrorist propaganda.
The ruling by the Independent
Television Commission is of enormous significance, not only for Britain's relacions

with Turkey but for the future of foreign-language broadcasters using Britain as a base.
The ITC is to rule on broadcasts by Med TV, which has been warned about the content of its property of the state of the stat of its news and current affairs programmes four times. In January it was fined £90,000 for "serious breaches" of the ITC programme code.

The main complaint is that the station, broadcasting to Kurds in Europe, Turkey and

the Middle East, is not impartial but has put out propa-ganda on behalf of the Kurdish Work-ers Party (PKK), a Marxist guerrilla group fighting the Turkish Army in southeast Turkey. The ITC accused Med TV of broadcasting material that lacked balance and impartiality,

and appeared to be directed only to PKK sympathisers. Turkey, which has repeatedly demanded that Britain close down the station, also claims that the station has broadcast incitements to PKK terrorists to attack or kidnap Western tourists in Turkey.

After the third complaint this year, the station was given a "final warning". Since then, the ITC says, it has received further complaints, which were considered in September. If these are upheld this week, the station, set up four years ago, could have its licence revoked and be banned from broadcasting in Britain.

A legal-spokesman for Med-TV said that the station had not been notified of the results

The ITC ruling will be of great significance to foreign broadcasts, says Michael

The station was therefore not expecting to have its licence cancelled or revoked.

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The Government has long been embarrassed by Med TV. and Briosh foreign ministers visiting Ankara have been strongly attacked for allowing it to broadcast. The Conservaove Government proposed new laws that would outlaw

the advocacy of terrorism, as well as conspiracy by exiles in Britain to commit terrorism abroad. Labour, howev-

er, opposes any

ban on advocating

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Med TV strongly

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denies any advocacy of terrorism, al-though it has admitted a lack of impartiality in its broadcasts. It is on the air 18 hours a day and says that it "seeks to provide a normal range of news, emertainment and cultural programmes to Kurds everywhere". Complaints relate only to its news and current affairs coverage, its legal spokesman said.

The commission takes the need for impartiality seriously. In its judgment in January on three breaches of the code it specified the offences. The station had to pay £50,000 - the maximum permissible under the 1996 Broadcasting Act -"for an edition of Jivana Gel on June 14, 1997, part of a se-

cial and cultural life of a remote area of northern Iraq/ Kurdistan. The 40-minute programme consisted entirely of a political rally organised by the PKK. No context was supplied and there was no balancing material."

A further £25,000 penalty was levied for a news programme on October 9 which included a condemnation, seemingly endorsed by Med TV, of a list of terrorist organisations produced by the United States Government, and which accused that country of branding those who opposed existing orders as terrorists and concluded that the list was intended to cover up (Ameri-

ca's) terrorist activities." A further formal warning was given in March over what the ITC called "incitement to crime". This related to an interview with a commander of the military wing of the PKK. The commission said that the staoon had not taken "all reasonable measures to ensure that such a programme is unlikely to inche or encourage crime".

s Britain is an increas-A ingly attractive centre for broadcasters trying to get around censorship or restrictions in their naove countries, the precedent is important. London has established a reputation as a world media centre. The fact that the Government does not directly censor or control output is vital to this reputation. But Med TV raises the question of how far pressure groups can go in us-ing the airwaves to further their cause.

Med TV complains that it is a victim of harassment. It said last month that its programmes, beamed via the Orion satellite, had been jammed by Turkey, which constituted "terrorist sabotage".

A spokesman said that it was impossible to avoid men-oon of the PKK when discussing Kurdish affairs, just as broadcasts on the Palestinians often referred to the Palestine Liberation Organisation. "Tur key's point is that, if you are not an assimilated Kurd, you

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I was active when it mattered

BSkyB's new chairman backed pay TV from the start, says Alan Tillier

he first impression one is not true of many French businesshas of Jérôme Seydoux. 64, is of a relaxed, even self-deprecating French business aristocrat, not an ambitious media tycoon involved across Europe in pay TV and the produc-tion and distribution of films — as well as being owner of a French daily newspaper, Libération.

Seydoux is the new chairman of BSkyB, where his 17 per cent stake is second only to that of News International, which owns 40 per cent.

BSkvB's contribution underpins the profits at Seydoux's Pathé group, but he now wants to diversify. He says that the future of Pathé is "brilliant" given the digital TV prospects in Britain

and France and the rise in cinema audiences in Europe.

Seydoux was one of the enthusiasts of pay TV in Britain. That was a decade ago, when its operators were losing EIO million a week. He stood by Rupert Murdoch - chair-man and chief executive of The News Corporation, parent com-pany of The Times through its subsidiary News International - dur-ing a difficult period. "I was active when it mattered," he says. When Murdoch asked him this year to step into the chairman's seat, Seydoux replied: "But I am French." To which Murdoch said: "No, you'

Seydoux says: "I consider myself a European businessman. I have a good knowledge of Europe, which

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men." Seydoux has seen the stake of Pathé in BSkyB, nearly £1.4 bil-lion, grow to exceed that of the market value of his French flagship. Sky's contribution to Pathé has been greater than the company's total net profits. Pathé posted modest profits last year (£22 million) and for the first half of 1998 (£10.7 million). Seydoux wants to change that and is seeking to woo institutions.

He is the least known of the four media giants seeking to build pan-European media

empires based on pay TV. The others Murdoch. Italy's Silvio Ber-lusconi and Germany's Leo Kirch. Seydoux ticks off the efforts of those going cross border: "Berlusconi în

Spain, Murdoch in Germany with Vox, CLT in Germany. France and the Benelux and Canal Plus in ten countries." Although he does not have a direct interest in Canal Plus, the French pay TV channel, he has 20 per cent of CanalSatellite, its digital offshoot. This is losing money but is the leader in France with 1 million subscribers. "It will break even in 2000," says Seydoux, "Sky Digital should be at 1 million subscribers a year from now."

Seydour shuttles between Paris and London, where he lunches often with Murdoch. This week he was there to outline plans for Pathé's expansion in Europe in pay TV, film financing, distribution and ownership of cinemas. He told investors that Pathé intended to



Euro vision: Jérôme Seydoux, the new chairman of BSkyB; has ambitious plans for his media empire

take advantage of film production possibilities in Britain, where it won a National Lottery film award last year. Pathé Pictures has abandoned the US and will produce 35 films in Britain within six years.

Seydoux was born into the billiondollar Schlumberger oil equipment dynasty, originally from Alsace. He has two brothers - one of whom runs the rival Gaumont cinema group. Seydoux's personal business interests are estimated by France's Le Nouvel Économiste magazine to be from £160 million to more than £360 million. He started in the family's bank and was briefly head of the Schlumberger group before leaving. Seydoux invested in textiles, shipping, an airline; household sponges, newspapers and the \$60 million flop of the remake of the film Lolita with Jeremy Irons. Perhaps his biggest setback was

in TV with La Cinq, France's first in-

dependent channel in the 1980s. launched with Silvio Berlusconi after Seydoux's friend and golf partner, the late President Mitterrand. opened up French TV. The Right returned to government in 1986 and Seydoux was dispossessed. "La Cing was put into pieces by Chirac [the French President]," he says. But it gave Seydoux a taste for TV and explains his presence with pay TV in Britain. "People said it would fail like the Channel Tunnel and Euro Disney. We were the ones that succeeded," he says.

Seydoux showed his acumen when he did business with Giancarlo Paretti, the Italian financier who had sold MGM to the French State bank Crédit Lyonnais, thus setting it on the road to near ruin. Seydoux resisted MGM, but bought Pathé from Paretti. It enabled him to build an integrated cinema production and distribu-

in association with

tion group with Claude Berri, the French director, and Canal Plus. He split his Chargeurs group into worldwide wool interests and the media - and began concentrating on films, buying TV thematic channels and turning around Libération. This week he launched a \$200 million bond issue, exchangeable into BSkyB shares, to finance more multiplex cinemas. He also bought control of the French AB sports pay channel for \$7 million and plans to buy an Italian channel to go with his Voy-

age channel in France. His only film this year stars Eric Cantona, but next year comes the \$50 million Asterix, based on the cartoon character. Seydoux sees himself as a kind of Asterix, offering protection against US cultural invasion. But he doesn't want to stop American films. Well, he was in on the distribution of Titanic.

Carlton upsets Lawrence family

THE parents of the murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence will stop co-operating with a Granada TV reconstruction of the case if a rival ITV programme from Cariton goes ahead. Broadcast reports that the

Lawrence family is upset that the five youths questioned about the murder are to be interviewed in the Carlton documentary, to be aired in January.

Martin Bashir, famous for his BBC Panorama interview with Diana, Princess of Wales, is said to have been talking to the five for some mooths and is likely to be Carlton's presenter. His BBC contract expires this month. The Lawrences have so far worked amicably with Granada, which began shooting this week.

MATIONAL newspaper pho-tographers may be banned from Premier League football grounds tomorrow unless they give the League more con-

zette reports. The League wants to prevent publication of "distorted" pictures of players and officials, such as the notorious image of Graham Taylor as a turnip. The newspapers are resisting any restrictions of the use they make of their own pictures.

trol over their pictures, Press Ga-

■ HELLO! magazine is under pressure from its rival, OK!, and is looking for a full-time advertising agency for the first time in its ten-year history. Marketing re-

Although sales of Hello! for the first half of this year were well ahead of OK!, by 506,000 to 221,000, it is reported that OK! pulled ahead in September on the strength of a series of Spice Girls exclusives.

GOOD news from Marketing Week. Beer prices are expect-

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ed to hit an all-time low this Christmas following a summer of poor sales. Discounts on beers bought to take home have started a month earlier than usual, with two-for-one deals being of-fered by the big names such as Carling, Carlsberg and Heineken. In the pub and bar trade, where the avergage quoted price of beer is £250, discounts for long-term supply contracts are as much as £120 a barrel.

LVMH-owned Parfums Givenchy has appointed a new managing director. Gilles Dougoud, to oversee the launch of two new fragrances and a new range of cosmetics to be branded with Alexander McQueen's name. The move is considered to be an attempt by Givenchy to reiuvenate its brand, but without alienating its exist-

ing customers. ■ VIEWERS are losing their taste for feature films on the small screen, according to an analysis in

Broadcast. The average audience for the 50 most popular films on TV in the 12 months ending in September was 8.21 million, against 8.85 million the previous year. On Sky's dedicated movie channels, average viewing from January to August was 25 per cent lower than in 1997.

■ GOOD to see that Bernard Ingham, the feisty former press officer to Margaret Thatcher, has not lost his blunderbuss touch, in his regular column in PR Week, he declares that the Labour Government "is now bracketed with second-hand car salesmen in the league table of

purveyors of credibility". He adds: "After 18 months of slavery to Labour's spin-doctors. journalists I talk to are thinking t is time they made a dash for the freedom of cynicism."

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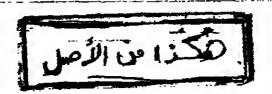


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Constructive trust claim fails

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Those circumstances were:

made in the course of the nor-

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outside his normal duties, but

specifically assigned to him.

and the circumstances in ci-ther case were such that an in-

vention might reasonably be

expected to result from the car-

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the employee and, at the time of making the invention, be-

cause of the nature of his du-

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sibilities arising from the na-ture of his duties he had a spe-cial obligation to further the in-

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Property subject to a con-

structive trust must have come

into the hands of the alleged trustee as a result of uncon-

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uf a fiduciary obligation. In a case to which section 39

applied there was no question

ficial ownership as against his

employer. Were that the case,

the employer would require a

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(b) the invention was made

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(a) [the invention] was

Disclosing compelled evidence

which was obtained by wit-

nesses in circumstances which

were confidential, pursuant to

the 1985 Act any person who was lawfully required by the

providing documents or other

evidence, must do so: failure to

comply amounted to contempt

His Lordship said that in

those circumstances there was

a powerful argument of say-

ing that the court should not,

save in exceptional circum-

stances, order disclosure of the

transcripts in connection with

civil proceedings, even when

the requirements of various

provisions in Order 24 were

ship said he was impressed by

the "compulsion principle", it

was not a course open to him when applying rule 13. In Wal-ince Smith Trust v Deloitte

Haskins and Sells ([1997]

WLR 257, 273) Lord Justice Si-mon Brown had said:

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may give 'litigious advantage

to the party seeking it then as-suming ... | the test for inspec-tion is made out| the court can only properly refuse to dis-close it if ... it concludes that

they would not after all assist

him. Confidentiality at this

It was argued by Mr Coll-

ines that those observations

were directed to the interrela-

point is frankly immaterial."

"...once it is recognised that

However, while his Lord-

inspectors to assist them

Under sections 433 to 436 of

compulsion.

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principle and Order 24, rule

13, and not to the interrelation-

ship between the compulsion

principle and Order 24, rule II. Accordingly, when consider-

ing whether to urder disclo-

sure of the transcripts it was

still open to the court to take

into account the compulsion

argument on the ground that it effectively involved saying that the view expressed by Lord Justice Simon Brown

had to be implicitly qualified

by reference to rule II or was

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His Lordship rejected that

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For property to be the subject structive trust, it had to come into the hands of the constructive trustee as a result of a breach of fiduciary duty br some other unconscionable dealing.

of an all-time los this control of the control of t There was therefore no question of an employee retaining beneficial ownership as against his employer where the employer's title was de-rived from section 39 tif the Palcarlier than usual
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averages quoted nice ents Act 1977.

Mr Justice Pumfrey so held in the Chancery Division in a reserved judgment allowing an application by the defendants, Paul Julian Mason and Acme Jewellery Ltd. tn strike out an allegation in the statement of claim of the plaintiff. Christopher Simon French. that patents 2225925 and 2256576, of which the second defendant was the registered proprietor, were held on constructive trust for him.

Miss Catherine Newman, QC and Mr Jonathan Shaw for the plaintiff, Mr Richard

MR JUSTICE PUMFREY said that the claim was one aspect of dispute between Mr French and Mr Mason which had its origins in their commercial relationship as manuacturing jewellers.

That relationship had already been the subject of a peti-

I and Another v Leftleys (a

Before Lord Justice Peter Gib-

son and Lord Justice Aldous

A judge who ordered that five related actions against solici-

turs could be tried together

had not erred in the exercise of his discretion when he said

that he could see no reastm

why a Chancery Division judge could not form a fair

view of each particular case.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by

Leftleys (a firm) against the or-

der of Mr Justice Jacob on Oc-

tober 29, 1997 that five actions

should come on fur trial at the same time. Leftleys submitted

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that the judge had erred in the way he had exercised his dis-

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tion under section 450 of the Companies Act 1985, in which Mr Justice Jacob had held that Mr French, who held 10 per cent of the share capital in Acme Jewellery Ltd. had shown that the affairs of the company had been conducted

in a manner unfairly prejudicial to him and made an order for the purchase of his shares by Mr Mason on a valuation as at July 31, 1992 Acme, which engaged in the manufacture of jewellery, was incorporated in 1978. Mr

French joined the company in

1981 as a sales representative and was successful. In 1985 Mr French was made a director of Acme and in 1986 Mr Mason, who had provided Acme's initial capi-tal transferred 2 per cent of his shares in Acme to Mr

French as a gift.
From some date after Mr French joined the company until the deterioration in the par-nes' relationship in the spring of 1991 there had been a relationship of quasi-partnership: see: In re Westbourne Galler-

ject of the disputed patents. It was not in dispute that at the time the invention was

made: (il Mr French was employed by Acme as a sales man; (ii) he was a director of Acme, an (iii) a relationship akin to partnership existed between Mr French and Mr Malicence to work the invention, son for which Acme was the vea possibility not found anywhere in the section.

By operation of section 39 of The existence of a quasi-part-nership did not mean that the the Patents Act 1977, which excluded the operation of any legal ownership of the invenother rule of law, un invention tion by Acme was an incident belonged to an employer in of the relationship between Mr French and Mr Mason. two circumstances, and in all other circumstances belonged They were not partners. to the employee.

Mr French's employment commenced before the quasipartnership, although his directorship did not.

Any special relationship came into existence before the making of the invention and was established without reference thereto. No subsequent re-lationship could affect the basis upon which Acme owned the invention.

Any claim for a constructive trust was also barred by the rule in Henderson v Hender-son (()843) 3 Hare (00, 115).

An undertaking given by Mr French in the section 459 proceedings had admitted and acknowledged that the valua-tion of his shareholding was to conducted on the basis, inter alia, that Acme owned the

The claim arising out of Mr Mason's conduct vis-a-vis Mr French would clearly affect the basis of the valuation of the company. It therefore should have been resolved at the same time as the claims arising out of Acme's use of the pat-

Wragge & Co. Birmingham.

British and Commonwealth the transcripts in the possession of the other parties. The transcripts sought by Rothschild contained material

Holdings ple (in administration) v Barclays De Zoete Wedd Ltd

Same v Atlantic Computers ple. David McCormick and Others

Same v Spicer and Oppenhe-Same v NM Rothschild and

Sons Ltd Before Mr Justice Neuberger [Judgment October 29]

Provided that the test down in Order 24, rule 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court was satisfied, the fact that transcripts contained evidence given under compulsion was no reason for ordering

Mr Justice Neuberger so

held in the Chancery Division in a reserved judgment given in chambers when allowing an application by defendants. NM Rothschild and Sons Ltd. for inspection of transcripts of evidence in the possession of the plaintiffs. British and Commonwealth Holdings plc, Re-fal 150 Ltd, first third parties, and of Barclays De Zoete Wedd Ltd: Atlantic Computers plc. Mr David McCormick, Spicer and Oppenheim; defendants in related actions

Order 24, rule 13 provides: "No order for the production of any documents for inspection ... shall be made ... unless the court is of the opinion that the order is necessary either

for disposing fairly of the cause or matter or for saving Mr Nicholas Stadlen, QC and Mr Andrew Lenon fur British and Commonwealth; Mr Peregrine Simon, QC, Mr Robin Dicker and Miss Helen Davies for BZW: Mr Matthew Collings for Mr McCormick:

Mr Michael Harvey, QC and

Miss Mary Stokes for Atlantic Computers: Mr Stanley Burnton, OC and Mr Laurence Rahinowitz for Rothschild; Mr Mark Humphries, solicitor, for Spicers and Oppenheim: Mr Guy Newey for the DT I. MR JUSTICE NEUBERG-ER said that two inspectors were appointed under section

432 of the Companies Act 1985 to investigate the take-over of Atlantic Computers by British and Commonwealth Huld-During the course of that in-vestigation the inspectors formally interviewed 112 witnesses. The various parties to the litigation received transcripts nf only some of the witnesses

who gave evidence and Roth-child applied for inspection of

the Lord Chancellor and pursuant to section 75(1) of the Su-preme Court Act 1981 he made with effect from November I. 1998 the following direction with regard to the place of trial for cases of serious or complex

crown court centres:

(1992) 96 Cr App R 171).

normally inspect the documents and satisfy itself that inspection was necessary.

However, in Arbuthnott v Fagan (1996) 2 Lloyd's RLR 143], where there plainly was confidentiality, it appeared that neither the judge, who ardered disclosure, nor the Court of Appeal, who upheld the decision, examined the documents before ordering disclo-

His Lordship said that the differences between what was said by Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Neill and done by the courts in Arbuthmutt did not reflect a difference in principle.

Moreover, the comments made by Lord Justice Simon In his Lordship's judgment. Brown that there was no balit could not be right to say that, ancing exercise to be peras a matter of principle, the formed under rule 13 were difcourt must always or must nevficult to reconcile with Mr er inspect documents which Colling's submissions. There appeared to sanisfy Order 24, rule 13 before ordering their was tittle point in the remarks if the balancing exercise had to disclosure, where some confibe carried out under rule II dence or the compulsion princirather than rule 13. ple was involved.

His Lordship said that he had also been asked to address the question of whether it was Although in general, the coun should inspect before it concluded that confidential necessary for him to inspect the transcripts before reaching documents fell within Order 24, rule 13 but nevertheless dis-

decision on disclosure. closure should be refused. In the present case, where In Wallace Smith, Lord Justhe issues between the parties were so complex and the docutice Neil appeared to have taken the view that inspection was sppropriate only if, havmentation involved ran into ing decided that the provisions eleven thousand pages it would be a waste of judicial of Order 24, rule 13 had been time to carry out an inspection before deciding on disclosure. some reason minded to refuse

Solicitors: Stephenson Har-On the other hand Lord Juswood; Lovell White Durrant; Field Fisher Waterhouse: Camtice Simon Brown appeared to eron McKenna; Ashurst Mor-ris Crisp; Linklaters & Paines; have suggested that, once a pri-ma facie case was made out

Trying complex fraud cases

Practice Direction (Criminal Justice Act 1987: Crown court centres

The place of trial for cases of serious or complex fraud gransferred to the crown court was, with effect from November 1. 1998, to be that specified by the present direction.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, so stated on October 28 in the Supreme Court when handing down a Practice Direction, superseding Practice Direction (Crime: Fraud trials) (No 3) (The Times December 28, 1992; 1993] I WLR 159; 1993] I All ER 41;

THE LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE stated that: I With the concurrence of fraud transferred to the crown court under the Criminal Justice Act 1987.

2 The proposed place of trial specified in the notice of transfer under section 5(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 should be time tif the fallowing

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3 Practice Direction (Crime: Fraud Trials) (No 3) made un December 16, 1992 was hereby revoked.

ies Ltd ([1973] AC 360). In late 1988 Mr French in-Arnold for the defendants. vented an earning sleeper which was marketed under the name "Invincible", the sub-

Judge entitled to try five cases together Maes Finance Lid & Mac Nu of the Rules of the Supreme

> Mr lain Hughes, QC and Mr Paul Parker for Leftleys: Miss Judith Jackson, QC and Mr Timothy Harry for Maes Finance Ltd & Mac No 1 and Eagle Star Insurance Co Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE ALDOUS said that all five actions were in respect of mortgages which proved unprofitable. They were claims by the lenders against their solicitors and the borrowers, in respect of al-leged negligence, breach of contract and breach of a fiduciary relationship.

The judge concluded that If all five actions were tried to-gether there would be a considerable saving of time and costs. He was of the view that a single trial was the most convenient way to proceed unless it would lead to inappropriate consequences.

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He then considered each of the consequences that were said to make such a course inappropriate. The first was that Mr Leftley (the former senior partner), who would seem to be an important witness for the defendants, might, if he had to deal in cross-examination in five cases, become muddled. That the judge had rightly rejected.

The second circumstance, which the judge considered to be more significant, concerned the admissibility of evidence. The defendants were entitled to have each case tried and determined upon the evidence admissible to that particular case, if all the actions were tried together, evidence admis-sible in one action, but not in the other, would be in the mind of the judge with the result that the judge might he

prejudiced.
The judge rejected that argu-

ment. He referred to Mood Music Publishing Co Ltd v De Wolfe ([1976] Ch 119, 127) and concluded that the governing principle was that similar fact evidence would be admissible if it was logically probative.

He went on to consider whether it would be oppressive or unfair for the five cases to be tried together and con-chided that the suggestion that justice would not be seen to be done if all five cases were tried together was fallacious; and that the interests of justice and the administration of justice required that all the cases be heard together.

His Lordship said that the view expressed by the judge was one that he was entitled to Lord Justice Peter Gibson agreed.

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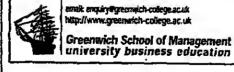
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Schools are tied up in red

the distance between Britain in the 1960s and California in the 1990s never felt greater. As a toddler more than 30 years ago, my first taste of independent life

was a Wendy House in the corner of a Methodist hall, where murmies doled out

orange squash. But Los Angeles today has little in common with the Cornwall of my childhood, which is why I'm still recover-ing from the nine sets of inicals and 19 sig-

natures I had to provide before my son was accepted by his first American school.

Nineteen signatures, that is, excluding

those on his application and the cheques I

later wrote for his monthly "tuition", regis-tration, obligatory earthquake kit and an-other for the pass that allows us into the un-

Yet in Britain this week the Government

initiated contracts between pupils, parents

and schools, outlining their rights and obli-

gations to one another. Schools must offer the contracts from September, but neither parents nor pupils have to sign them, nor

are they legally binding.

Getting one's child into any kind of care in America has become an exercise in pen-

manship. But compared with many nurser-

ies for two-year-olds, my son's is easygo-

ing. Yet even before he started, the school's

director, a usually cheery woman with a

sensible manner, handed me a fat folder

that took one full hour to read and another

to reread and sign.

First, I signed something saying that I'd read an enclosed pamphlet about sexual abuse and how to prevent it, something else naming those authorised to collect my child from class, something giving the school permission to take him to hospital if he is injured and scapething accepting

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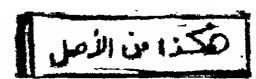
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Then my two-year-old son started nursery school a few weeks ago.

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Lord Menuhin believes that music can create a crime-free society. Interview by Dalya Alberge

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The Adria

Tehudi Menuhin, one of the century's greatest violinisis, has called on the Government to and singing have a vital role to play in civilising the young. Crime, he believes, could be reduced if only we gave our children a more cultural education.

The arts, according to Lord Menuhin, should be a part of daity life but, instead, society has focused its attention on policing and prisons and moved away from music and culture. "That's not an answer to our society, which is materialistic and crime-ridden," Lord Menuhin says. "Art reflects the refinement of a civilisation." tion. Violence and sex are all right, translated as energy and desire, but in their crude state are uncivilised. Music goes both ways. You make yourself heard and listen to others."

Idealistic, perhaps, but Lord Menuhin has evidence. He points to the success of a pilot project at Oxford Gardens, a primary school in a violent area of West London. "They were having inner-city prob-lems," he says. "Several teachers had to leave when they couldn't stand stabbings and God knows what. As soon as they brought in singing — and, this year, dancing — the school was transformed.

Liz Rayment-Pickard, the head teacher, says the programme has made an enormous difference, making the school an oasis in what is quite an aggressive community. "Certainly, in terms of the project being a crucial part of the school life, it has influenced the ethos of the school," she says, "It is much calmer, The fact that music is part of the curriculum is very powerful, particularly in a school that didn't have that much music before. This has been an extraordinary project to be involved with."

Ms Rayment-Pickard concedes that initially she had doubts about the project: "I was taken aback by the success. I am not a musician so I was pretty hesitant about whether it would work."

Lord Menuhin says: "We may need policing and prisons in the short run, but



Lord Menuhin, left, with his wife and children: "Music draws upon feeling and thinking, joining the emotional with the rational"

you don't create a better society through them." Music, mime and the martial arts, he says, are liberating in that they channel and discipline energy. They teach a reverence for craft and skill."
Lord Menuhin says.

He acknowledges, however, that much depends on the quality of the teach-

er, and notes that society tends to look on a child as "an empty sack into which we stuff facts and knowledge".

Singing and dancing should be integrated into the daily routine in every school every day: "It creates the basis for intellectual development," Lord Menuhin says. "Music draws upon feeling and thinking, joining the emotional with the rational. It brings out the best in a

child or young adult."
In an ideal world every schoolchild

would have a musical instrument, he says, but emphasises that it is not a matter of money because singing and dancing cost nothing. "Everyone has a voice, lungs, eyes and a heart with which to communicate," he says. "It comes from the inner life of a child."

Interestingly, Lord Menuhin declares the world of the arts devoid of criminal elements: "I've never known any school of music or art to produce a criminal. It just doesn't happen. I can't tell you the joy in seeing these children happy. When they sing and dance, they think better, understand better, are more communicative with each other and the world.

"The first basic condition of thinking depends on both the emotional and the rational together. By bringing the music project into schools, we create a natural

condition where there is no need to teach tolerance or warn against crime. There can be no crime."

There are numerous examples of the benefits, according to Susan Digby of the Voices Foundation, a charity which worked with Lord Menuhin in the Oxford Gardens school and which will take the arts project into schools in ten European countries.

She found the transformation of one nine-year-old boy at Oxford Gardens particularly moving. "He came from an illiterate immigrant family and had been rejected by his peers. He was very miserable. Through the singing programme. he integrated with them and, above all, it promotes tolerance as every pupil is involved."

The scheme targets a particular school

for one year. It breaks down barriers and improves channels of communica-tion, Ms Digby says, especially in a school such as Oxford Gardens in which more than 20 languages are spoken. It also improves the mental agility of pu-pils, self-confidence and self-esteem, al-though Ms Digby admits: "It's hard to prove how and why scientifically."

While efforts have concentrated on pri-

mary and nursery education, the Voices Foundation hopes to extend the project to secondary level. Some educationists believe that from the age of 12, the door to character transformation starts to close. But the group has also applied its concepts to the corporate sector, adapting the programme into team-building schemes for large companies such as Marks & Spencer.

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thing giving my consent to his leaving school on foot for field trips, something about my "parental rights" to visit the centre during opening hours and even something permitting his teachers to apply sunscreen to him during outdoor play. Not just any old sunscreen: the children are allowed to apply only the sunscreen their

or students

parents provide. "It's ridiculous, I know," says the school's director. "But most of the forms are not even ours. They are requested by the state. And we have fewer than schools in many other places."

Teachers and schools five in constant fear of being sued by parents or students for any transgression, real or imagined, and forms rather then common sense have become their guiding light.

One day I arrived to pick up my son during a heatwave. His entire class was play-ing around the water sprinkler, except for Harper, who was at a table in the shade. He could not join in, I was told, because his sunblock had run out. I offered to lend

him ours but his teacher waved a finger.

"We can't do that," she said. "He might be allergic to it and we'd be responsible."

Mealtimes are also fraught with problems. Teachers are nervous about feeding children any of the "high-risk" foods linked by studies (which have been given big media play) to allergies and fatal accidents among small children. Hence a page in my nursery pack banning peanuts, grapes and raisins from my son's packed lunches. Apparently, he might choke on one. Personally, I think he's more likely to come to grief on the slide, shoved by a thuggish classmate - but there was no form

I can't make a fuss. Stroppy types should beware; there is no messing with American rules. Among the forms signed was a pledge understanding that my child may be discharged from his school "should I fail to comply with the annexed policies or the appropriate requirements of the management personnel". On balance, it is the teachers who de-

serve our sympathy. In New Jersey, a chapter of the National Education Association, a teachers' union, has defended a male teacher accused by a primary-age girl of sexual assault after he adjusted her fingers on a musical instrument.

He won his case but gave up teaching, saying the lawsuit had wrecked his life. The New Jersey union now asks gym and music teachers to have a second adult present during practice.

Administrators have little choice but to protect themselves and their staff as best they can from overzealous parents.

So concerned are some teachers about potential sexual lawsuits that unions and school districts have banned their members from giving pupils hugs or encouraging pats on the back, lest they be misconstrued as abusive.

SOUNDING OUT MUSIC IN SCHOOLS

usic used to be a compulsory part of the national curriculum at primary level, with all teaching requirements specified in detail. But since the start of this term, there is only a glimmer of hope that music will be included in the curriculum, as it is dropped to make more time for literacy and numeracy. The result? Io many schools, especially those without a specialist musician on the staff, music classes have either gone or

are being slowly phased out. Yet there is growing evidence that music can help children to progress in other subjects. Sir ation of British Orchestras

Simon Rattle says: "Because in music children have to work together to create a performance, every type of social, organisational and co-operative skill is exer-

cised." Although there are scores of musically impoverished primary schools all over Britain, we also have dozens of fine professional orchestras, which will need performers in the future. So it makes perfect sense for schools and orchestras to work together. This is why Orchestras NOW, an ambitious education campaign, has been launched by the Associ-

(ABO) to develop more musical awareness in primary children. Last spring's National Orchestra Week, when orchestras opened their doors to the public

to mark the association's halfcentenary, was such a success that ABO decided to take the initiative much further. Fiona Penny, an educatioo officer, appointed to run the Orchestras NOW project, says the aim is "to develop relationships which will help schools and their children to flourish". For a term or so, Orchestras

NOW will assign individual musicians to schools to work in part-

nership with teachers. What the teacher lacks in musical skill, the musician can provide. In return. the teachers can lend support with their classroom skills.

Libby MacNamara, of ABO. recalls an earlier initiative in which a teacher at Cragside Primary Schoot in Newcastle upon Tyne, worked with the Northern Sinfonia. "Several musicians visited her classroom and the children eventually performed, with the Northern Sinfonia, a piece specially written by Peter Max-well Davies."

and, five years ago, there was lit-

tle or no music there. Today mu-

Cragside is in a deprived area

sic has permeated the whole school and many children are learning instruments. Uoder the scheme, primary schools within reach of one of the 40 or so participating orchestras will receive information about the programmes. Next term Orchestras NOW is offering six free training days in different parts of the country for non-specialist teachers. Each day is to be hosted by an orchestra, which will describe

its work and take participants through an introductory workshop led by the composer Alec Roth and orchestral players. A

second National Orchestra Week is to be held from March 6-14, before which orchestras are organising educational events. Many of them have raised funds so that they can offer opportunities free to schools. During Orchestra Week, they plan to include families, so that people of all ages can be part of workshops, rehearsals and performances.

Susan Elkin

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'Sweaty sports are just not feminine' act: girls play hockey, netball and lacrosse, boys play footbalt, rugby and cricket. The division of team sports by gender has never been actively tackled by schools and though greater choice now exists (there are 3,000 female

football teams) this does not reflect the options available to men and women. The business world seems to acknowledge that team sports play an increasing role in women's lives, as shown by the recent sponsorship deal of women's football by AXA, the insurance company that also sponsors the FA Cup. But what is the education system doing to redress

the balance? The Education Reform Act 1988 marked an attempt to make some progress. It enshrines in law the principle that children are entitled to a broad and balanced curriculum relevant to their particular needs. The potential for change is evident in the national curriculum for physical education and the coeducational training of PE teachers.

The Department for Education says: There is no stipulation in the national curriculum on gender division. It just sets out what children are required to be taught at various stages of their school

The requirements include games, gymnastics, dance, athletics, outdoor and adventure activities and swimming. From primary school to the end of secondary education, the categories do not change. but the levels to which they must be

achieved and developed, do. Planning, performance and evaluating are vital ingredients of the PE national curriculum. Surprisingly, the choice of sports that are taught is left to the

school's discretion. Dr Chris Laws is head of physical education at Chichester Institute of Higher Education. The college has 350 student teachers and Dr Laws says that within the 25 institutions in the country that offer PE teacher training, coeducation is

ft. ven very much the norm. There is nothing in the curriculum which states that boys must be taught football and girls must be taught net-

Why are school games broken down on gender lines? Helene Mulholland finds out why football is still a boy thing

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ball," he says. At PE college, students are taught competence in all aspects of the national curriculum regardless of gender. They do exactly the same sports and the same training.
With such a fertile terrain for equal op-

portunities, what happens between teacher theory and practice that leads to a rekindling of the divide in the majority of schools

Dr Laws believes that cultural mores cannot be overlooked. "Playing sport and getting dirty and sweating is not in line with feminine images," he claims. "Aerobics -- an activity in feminine and light Lycra seems to many people more Girls

Jeanne Keay, principal PE lecturer at Leeds Metropolitan University, is also aware that full emancipation of pupits in their sporting education has yet to be achieved. both for girls and for boys. But she is adamant that the problem is being tackled. We work very hard with students to break the mould of boys' games and girls'

games," she says. "But it is a slow process because it involves not just teachers but society as a whole.

Changing the thinking on sport is best started from the top. As head of girls PE at Cardinal Newman Roman Catholic Secondary School in Brighton, East Sussex. Jenny Thompson is tackling the problem head-on. As well as netball and dance, she leaches girls football, rugby and cricket. Opportunities she admits that she never had. "Every school in Brighton and Hove teaches girls to play football, but not necessarily cricket and certainly not rugby."

Cardinal Newman's policy is to teach girls and boys the same activities apart from netball and dance, which boys do not have to do. Ms Thompson also coaches her students in football and cricket after school so that they can compete at tournament and league level. But as the only school in the area teaching girls rugby, competiove matches are not

Most parents have not complained, excent when the kits come back very dirty. But," says Ms Thompson, "t did get a complaint last year from a parent who told me that girls shouldn't chest the ball because they

will get breast cancer." What do the girls think of staying football and rugby? Most of them seem really excited, Ms Thompson says, although more than a few do not like getting muddy. "Some of the girls identify being dirty with spoiling their hair and make-up. If it's windy, muddy and raining, it's a nightmare for them."

Getting hot, dirty and sweaty, says Anita White, di-rector of development at the Sports Council, is not seen as a trait of womanhood. "For boys," she adds, "sport has always been a great way to prove their manhood. It doesn't

work the other way around." Ultimately, what doesn't help is the near invisibility of women's team sports in the mainstream media, whether it is netball, hockey or women's rugby. "One of the problems is that girls don't have female role models to admire." Ms White

'If you ask girls who their sporting heroes are they are often men. Women rarely have such high profiles."



Ultimate goal: the national curriculum does not stipulate gender division

Healy intent on smoothing off his rough edges

THROUGH the five, one-sided series and 28 Test matches since the Ashes last changed hands, two Australians have danced constantly at the bed-side of the English patient. Mark Taylor has somehow commanded affection but lan Healy has inspired irritation. suspicion and only a grudging

respect.
In the cricketing culture of heroes and villains. Healy has always worn the black. Indeed it is only now, with 106 caps and a world-record number of dismissals to his name, that perceptions of the Australia wicketkeeper are changing for the better. The way he is going, he will retire with the admiration that he merits.

Yesterday, as the tropical clouds gathered over Cairns and local talk was of early monsoons threatening an England XI's four-day game against Queensland. Healy was nonetheless preparing in his usual way. He had an indoor net, a session on the massage table and then used a laplop computer to study every ball he gloved, or dropped, during the state's most recent match. As ever, nothing if not

Along with the trademark characteristics of diligence, energy and feisty single-mindedness, however, features new are evident in Healy. "I think I've mellowed," he said. He goes farther, acknowledging with sadness the low opinion of him that was widely broadcast over a number of years.

"A lot of images of me have been wrong but perception can become reality. I think I was seen as very aggressive, very blokey, very mouthy. A high percentage of that was inaccurate but no one was willing to get to know me better. they were just happy to go on projecting it. My rawness had rough edges. I know that, but we weren't a confident team in my early days. I was trying to please the team, not the people. I can see both sides now. and these days we've got a tcam that simply needs me to be decisive, not the prickly.

combative character I was." He has not suddenly become a pussycat but perhaps he was never the snarling Doberman, either, just tough and durable with a desire to win that occasionally trespassed into areas of offence, f suggestAlan Lee talks to Australia's combative but

mellowing wicketkeeper

and he responded levelly. "You're telling me that and I

don't disbelieve it, because it was two years before I even realised I was being bagged for over-appealing." Healy came into cricket

from a daunting background - reaching physical education in a high school south of Brisbane. "It was rough," he re-called. "People think it's easy teaching outdoors but the kids have got no walls there." He had a brief, radical career change, into selling women's fashions, before turning professional after his first Ashes series, in 1989.



Healy: wicketkeeper supreme

By then, he had suffered feelings of inadequacy during his debut tour of Pakistan, "I was the sixth wicketkeeper they'd tried in the four years since Rod Marsh packed up. I was raw, overawed and insecure. I couldn't quite work out why I was there." Quite a contrast with his most recent return to Pakistan for a series in which he broke Marsh's dismissals record and helped Australia to their first win in the sub-continent for 29 years.

"It was good to be part of a team that wasn't scared of be-ing there," he said. "When I first went, we were expecting too many bad things from the umpires, the pitches or the

voice to the orgiastic national-ism preceding this series one newspaper yesterday claimed that the second-best team in the world was Australia A — and he disputed the popular cry that it is becoming boring for Australians to beat England. "I've always prepared for tough series against England and I feel the same way about this one. I look at their team on paper and I feel it should be very even. It can never be monotonous playing

against England."

If anything has increased recognition of Healy's skills, it is the way that he has kept wicket to Shane Warne. "Shane has allowed me to showcase what I can do. 11 has been a constant challenge but I've risen to it, so my profile has improved. Warney has helped wicketkeeping as well

as spin bowling.
"We will be starting this series without him and it leaves a psychological hole. I don't think we will ever properly fill it. But we have got to try.

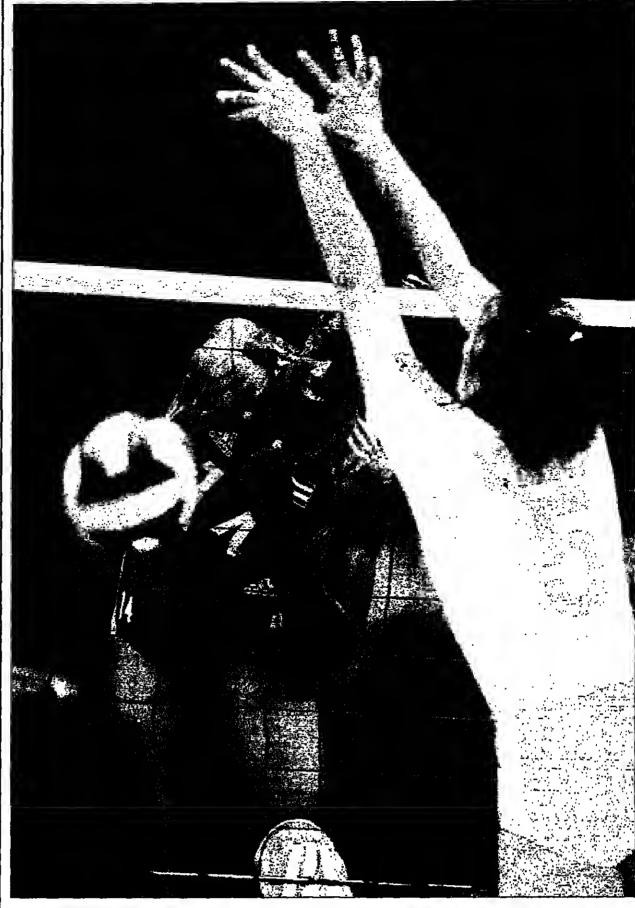
This realistic attitude is typi cal of Healy. Since he studied sports science, when in teacher training, he has kept careful and comprehensive diaries de-tailing every day of his career. They do not spare him, nor do they spare others. "If you are lying to yourself, it's a waste of time. Honesty is a crucial part of team success."

The diaries are littered with quotations that have struck him as apposite. When he toured the Caribbean seven years ago, he had just watched the film, Bodyguard, and busily noted the words: "If you eliminate the fear of death, vou can become invincible. He maintains that saying helped him when batting against the fast bowlers.

In later years, he has become a talismanic figure to the Australia team. He is first into training sessions and last to leave, he personally designed the striped blazers that have become the team uniform and, of right, he leads the singing af-

ter a Test victory.

By his own admission, he is thorough almost to the point of obsessiveness. At 34, he confessed: "I'm aware of what is expected from a senior player bul I don't always like it. I'd rather finish as I started, domg everything to the full. I don't even like having two or



Ana Fernandez smashes a winner as Cuba confirm their status as the top team in women's volleyball by retaining the world championship title with a 3-0 win over China in the final in Osaka, Japan, yesterday. Cuba won by 15-4, 16-14, 15-12 and except for their new, skin-tight strip, little had changed in the two

years since the countries met at the Olympic final in Atlanta, where the Cubans prevailed by the same 3-0 scoreline. China, who landed successive world titles in 1982 and 1986, meekly surrendered the opening set but offered more resistance in the secood and third. They looked as if they might make a real fight

of il when opening a 10-4 lead in the third set, but were unable to press home their advantage. The Cubans also reaped most of the individual awards, including that for the world's best player, which went to Regla Torres Herrera, along with a cheque for \$100,000. Russia won the bronze medal by beating Brazil.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Trinity make it third time lucky

By Christopher Irvine

WAKEFIELD TRINITY, the first division champions. vesterday won over the independent franchise panel at the third time of asking and will join the new Galeshead Thun-der outfit in an expanded 14-team IJB Super League competition from next March. The panel originally recom-

mended rejection of Wakefield's application, then withheld a final decision to consider further details about Wake field's business-plan - the basis for its approval

It is the first time that promotion of a club had been assessed against minimumstandards criteria.

The thorough and professional approach adopted has been longer than everyone had hoped, but we can confidently go forward now," Ted Richardson, the Wakefield chairman, said. Before a proposed move to a

new stadium, near the M1, by 2000, Wakefield are to spend £250,000 on temporary improvements to their Belle Vue ground and switch televised matches to Barnsley Football Club. There will be no extra levy on existing Super League clubs as there is to help to fund

The panel, while satisfied ul-timately that Wakefield meet the majority of requirements laid down by the Rugby League Council, doubted in its original recommendation whether a small business operating at a modest profit had the capacity to expand to the required level without "danger-ous destabilisation".

The Super League has already overseen the closure of Oldham Bears and Paris Saint-Germain, while Workington have dropped back to the second division. The reintroduction of relegation for one club next season will put an even greater onus on Wakefield, who, unlike Gateshead, must operate within the over-

seas quota.

Wakefield's addition evens up the numbers next season. removing the need for byes. In an increase from 23 games at present, the 14 clubs will meet each other home and away and play four additional fixtures in a 30-match programme before the play-offs.

was sometimes questioned tion into a positive." Cork handed empty Cup

DOMINIC CORK'S ambitions of playing in the World Cup next summer seem destined for disappointment. So, too, do those of Nasser Hussain, Mark Ramprakash and Alastair Brown after their omission from a provisional. 23-strong squad for the triangular one-day series in

Australia starting in January. Cork has never quite matched performance to po-tential in limited-overs cricket, but he is the most pointed absentce. Hussain, who deeply desires a regular place in the one-day team, will be dismayed by his rejection but the most pertinent decision is to reject Brown, or rather his cavalier style as an opening batsman, in favour of the more conventional approach of Michael Atherton.

There are two uncapped selections, in Mark Alleyne and Vince Wells, and John Crawley has also been offered a window to the World Cup. Although Warren Hegg is

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BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN CAIRNS

among the 23, David Graveney, the chairman of sclectors, specified that "a parttime wicketkeeper, such as Crawley", could be deemed sufficient cover for Alec Stewart when the squad is reduced to a maximum of 18 next month.



Cork: rejected

Adam Hollioake is retained

in the party, despite ludicrous media speculation that he would be banished for a lokey, if ill-advised, drugsbased remark after England's elimination from the ICC tournament in Bangladesh. Naturally, he will be accom-

panied by Ben, his younger brother, who was last night coming to lerms with the fact that he faces at least another three weeks in Australia before he will have the chance to justify his inclusion in the

Hollioake Jr was fit for selection for the four-day game against Queensland today, having recovered from a pulled groin muscle, but he did not even feature in a squad of 12 named here last night.

We want to give the more experienced players more cricket," Graham Gooch, the our manager, explained, "but I am very aware it is tough on

Games heroes face long winter haul

By CRAIG LORD

SWIMMING

ENGLAND'S four Commonwealth Games champions will be put to the test as they begin their winter race programmes at the Speedo British Grand Prix in Wolverhampton this

weekend. The event takes on added significance because it offers the last chance for British swimmers to qualify for the European short-course championships, to be held in Sheffield next month.

The four English swimmers who managed to conquer the mighty Australians at the Games in Malaysia, Susan Rolph, Katy Sexton, James Hickman and Mark Foster. are already assured of places in Sheffield.

But many who competed at the Games must prove themselves afresh at the start of what is an exceptionally busy winter race programme. Beyond the domestic grand

are the national championships and 12 rounds of the World Cup before the season culminates in the world shortcourse championships Hong Kong next spring.

Paul Palmer, Britain's best swimmer in recent years, is still not ready to return to top competition after suffering from chronic fatigue syndrome in the summer. Chris Martin, the American

coach who has headed the City of Birmingham team for two seasons, has been appointed national coach to Scotland. Martin, 38, had been tipped for the post of head coach at the swimming division of the United Kingdom Sports Institute in Sheffield.

However, he said that there were "too many political problems" related to the job and was disappointed that Birmingham was not being considered more seriously as a prix and European short-course championships, there candidate for a centre of excellence for swimming.

SAILING

MacArthur goes battling on through adversity

ELLEN MacARTHUR, of Great Britain, is experiencing the hardest single-handed sailing of her career as she pilots Pete Goss's Open 50, Aqua Quorum, now renamed Kingfisher, through a succession of unpleasant Atlantic depressions in the opening stages of

the Route du Rhum race. However, despite the tough conditions, MacArthur, 22, is continuing to perform well. Yesterday, Kingfisher was the leading 50ft monohull in the race and was holding eighth place overall in the monohull fleet with seven much more powerful Open 60s ahead of her and five astern.

But MacArthur's battle with Kingfisher, and, indeed, the opposition, is being made lar harder than need be because of the absence of roller-furling gear on the headsails.

Her distressing experiences over the past three days underline not only what a hard nut Goss must be to have worked this system through the South-

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

ern Ocean, but also how much more difficult he made life for himself by not installing a relatively straightforward and reliable system, on which most single-handers rely.

MacArthur's rivals can shorten sail in minutes from



the safety of their cockpits, bul she is taking up to 55 minutes to do the same job. Trying to keep her footing, on an unsta-ble foredeck swept by white water as the boat pounds lo windward, is exhausting and dangerous,

On Tuesday, in a 30-knot squall, MacArthur received a nasty blow to the head.

"While changing down to storm jib. I got whipped mega bruises - and then, as the deck threw itself up at me, I caught my leg under the spinnaker pole and whacked my head hard on the forestay and hanks. Instant swelling the size of a golf ball," she reported. MacArthur is ploughing on. She continues to drive herself to the limits, but five of the 35 skippers who set out from St Malo on Sunday for the 4,000-mile race to Guadeloupe

have now retired. The leader

yesterday was Catherine Chabaud, of France, in Whirl-

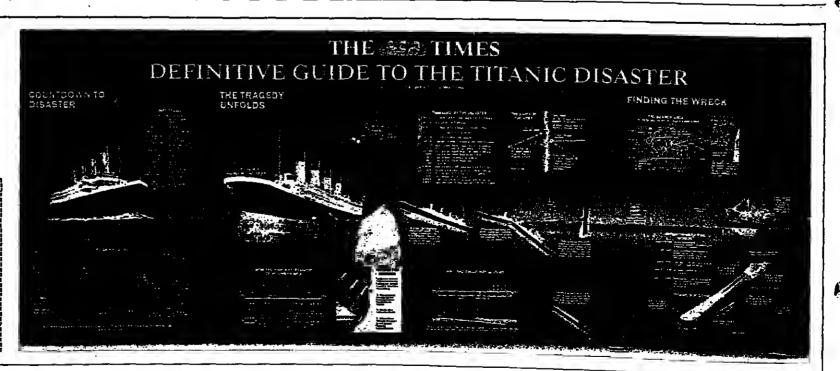
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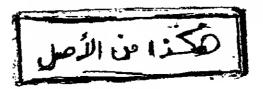
miles ahead of Kingfisher.

TITANIC POSTER

Today The Times offers readers the chance to buy a superb exclusive Titanic wall chart which measures approximately 450mm x 1000mm. This fascinating chart provides an excellent and colourful at-a-glance reference guide to what happened to this revolutionary liner on its fateful maiden voyage - and its subsequent discovery.

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Lucky Town (3.35).

RACING: BOLGER PLOTS NEW TRIUMPH IN CROSS-COUNTRY EVENT

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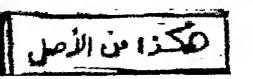
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RUGBY LEAGUE make it third time

By CHRIS MCGRATH

THOUGH plenty of top-class jumpers have already been lured out of hibernation by a wer autumn, the Nanonal Hunt season traditionally reserves its formal bow for the Murphy's Gold Cup meeong, which begins at Cheltenham today. With generous travel allowances for Irish raiders and significantly increased prize-money, the three-day fix-ture is offering ever more valuable reconnaissance for the Festival in March.

Its first duty, however, is 10 honour the very roots of stee-plechasing in the Sporting Index Cross-Country Chase. Today's fourth running over a variety of 30 obstacles intended to echo the original. random nature of jump racing, literally between steeples - builds on last year's event when Ireland's Fiftysevenchannels beat two Czech horses. Peruan and Marketplace.

Unfortunately Peruan -winner last month of the Velka Pardubicka - misses out today, but the second. Devil, and third, Marketplace, join

1.15 Cavalero

2.25 Hurricane Lamp

Timekeeper's top rating: 1.50 MUKDAR.

Long handicap: Flappack Lad 9-12, Busman 9-9, Strong Boost 0-5

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St Roger in another strong challenge. They will have their work cut out, however, against McGregor The Third and Enda Bolger's two runners.

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CHELTENHAM

3.00 SPENDID (nap)

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3.35 Lucky Town

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (GOOD IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

1.15 REGENCY FINANCIAL PLANNING AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP

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Long handicap: Western Chief 9-12, Kickham's Princess 9-10, Sterp Move 9-7, Little Joe 9-5, Silver Serrel 8-3.

1.50 MURPHY'S IRISH STOUT NOVICES HANDICAP

HURDLE ISHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE!

BETTING: 5-2 Caralero, 11-4 Flapjack Lad, 3-1 Tamarindo, 0-1 Oban, 7-1 Busman, 14-1 Strong Boost.

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ed a few short years ago. conover three years, secures the firmed its renewed vitality yes-Derby and Oaks to 2002. terday when Vodasone an-Sue Ellen, managing direc-tor of United Racecourses. nounced a three-year extension to its existing sponsorsaid: "Vodafone looked at the ship (Chris McGrath writes). sponsorship and decided that The involvement with Epsom it is good value. That's great began in 1995 and the invest**RICHARD EVANS**

Nap: CAVALERO (I.I5 Cheltenham) Nb: Song Of The Sword (3.00 Cheltenham)

Channel 4. Held up off a crawl last time, Daira (1.50) has yet to have her stamina examined over timber so this still track and a decent pace could

conjure improvement. The Mitsubishi Shogun Handicap Chase looks between the northern raiders. Forestal, unbeaten when completing over fences, was flattered at Wetherby. With Indian Jockey helping to make this a true test. Golden Helio (2.25) can prosper.
The Steel Plate and Sections

Novices' Chase is a good Festival signpost. Moscow Express was not given a hard time against three of Ireland's most senior chasers last time, while Song Of The Sword has taken to fences with aplomb. Spendid (3.00) could prove best, although his jumping may need further polishing.

3.00 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS NOVICES CHASE

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4.05 MARCHPOLE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

BETTING, 2-1 Song Of The Sward, 11-4 Spendia, 4-1 Mascon Express, Share Party, 8-1 Gallan Cove,

NEWCASTLE

12.55 Free. 1.30 High Island. 2.05 Noshinanni-kin. 2.40 Brambleberry. 3.15 Woodfield Gale.

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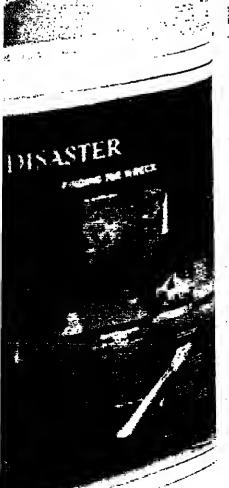
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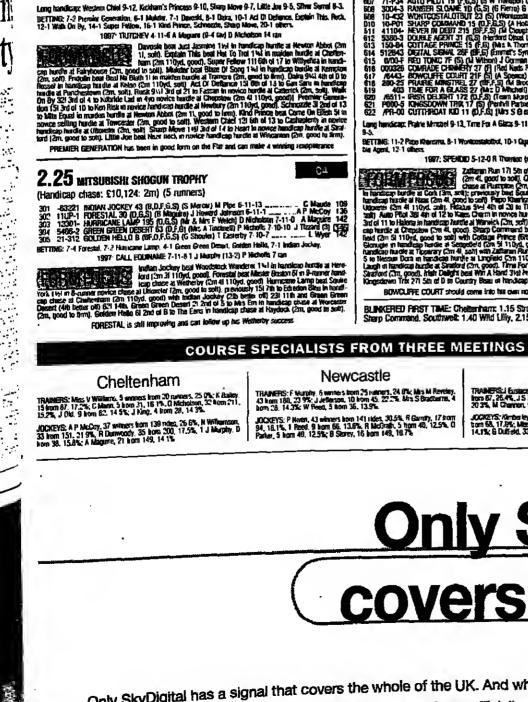
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Masters at Wembley later this season, by establishing a 4-3 lead over David Gray, of

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Ferguson keeps plenty in reserve

By Kevin Eason

THE prospect of playing a reserve side for a place in the semi-finals of the Worthington Cup would normally brighten George Graham's day. An appearance at Wembley, some-thing that he achieved in his first season in charge of Arsenal, would provide a welcome boost for the new Tottenham Hotspur manager and supporters who have endured a barren spell since the FA Cup victory of 1991.

Except that the reserves that Spurs will face come from Manchester United, who remain favourites in claim a place at Wembley despite the fact that Alex Ferguson is re-fusing to field his first-team regulars in the competition.

Ferguson, the United man-ager, is determined to stand by his second-string players, part-ly because it gives him an opportunity to rest his firstchoice players, who have a gru-elling schedule of four games in It days around the time of the visit to White Hart Lane on December 2. A reserve side that can boast

Jordi Cruyff and Ole Gunnar Solksjaer will still be feared by

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Graham's men, according to Ferguson. "They will play against Tottenham. We have said what our policy is and we want to do well. We will pick a team which we think will win. but also using my pool to its utmost advantage." he said.

That particular week is quite a difficult one for us because we have a Sunday game against Leeds, then a game against Aston Villa and then Bayern Munich the week after that, If you ask our fans which team I should play against Tot-tenham. I think they will tell you all right."

The draw for the last eight guarantees the appearance of one Nationwide League team in the semi-finals with Sunderland, who beat Everton on penalties, facing Luton Town, of the second division, at the Stadium of Light.

Chelsea have also been brought back to reality after demolishing Arsenal 5-0, drawing Wimbledon in the quarter-finals. They played what amounted to a scratch Arsenal side on Wednesday night, but a sterner test awaits them at Selhurst Park where Wimbledon will be keen to exploit the money-making potential of making further progress in the competition.

Meanwhile. Leicester City. who beat Wimbledon in the semi-finals in 1997, are lining up a Wembley return. They face Blackburn Rovers, who put their Premiership struggles behind them by beating Newcastle United on penalties, at Filbert Street.

Minnows travel to Fulham hoping to take a leaf out of United's book

Leigh's army dreaming of glory

THERE will be a southbound exodus from the metropolitan borough of Wigan this week-end but, in a rare switch of allegiance, few will bother to stop off in Watford for the conclusion of the rugby league international series. Instead, they will make for Fulham's Craven Cottage ground, consumed with expectation for what is the biggest match in the memory of Leigh RMI football club.

a little cheeky, for Leigh have



years but, in truth, it could also apply to their 109-year history as Horwich RMI. In 1995, with no future for them in Horwich, they changed their name, address and, to an extent, their identity.

The immediate result of the move was relegation farther into the abyss of non-league football. Moreover, the six-mile relocation took them from the football-friendly environs of Bolton to the rugby enclave of Wigan.

That is why their FA Cup first-round date with Fulham, on Sunday, is so important. Leigh have since regained their position in the UniBond League premier division and are again one consistent season away from reaching the Football Conference, but inter-est around the town has remained focused on the oval

The imbalance will swing in their favour this time, though, for upwards of 2,000 people will travel with them to Fulham. Alan Robinson, Leigh's secretary, said: "It is a major breakthrough for us, and it is



Whealing, formerly with Blackburn Rovers, prepares for the FA Cup tie at Fulham on Sunday in the less-glamorous surroundings of Leigh RMI

difficult in comprehend the level of interest and excitement we've been attracting

The club had to move from Horwich, mainly because the pitch at Grundy Hill did not meet Football Association limitations - it was like a ski slope. We have struggled to settle down at Hilton Park. and the crowds of around 300 have been very disappointing, but this is the day we have been praying for.

"The supporters' club has never worked so hard but, of course, they have a product to the FA Cup and we just hope everyone keeps coming back when all this fuss has died

Fulham, of the Nationwide League second division, need not fear the giant-killing pedigree of Leigh. As Horwich, they reached the first round on two occasions, in 1928 and 1982, losing to Scarborough and Blackpool respectively.

Perhaps Leigh can summon up some of the Cup tradition club that was once their neighbours. The initials RMI stand for Railway Mechanics Institute, relating to the days site for maintenance on the Lancs and Yorks railway. That site was originally at Heath, which spawned two clubs: Leigh, via Horwich, was one, Manches-ter United the other,

Had fate, or Roy Hodgson, not conspired against him. Anthony Whealing the 22-year-old Leigh left back. could have been playing for Blackburn Rovers against United at Old Trafford on Saturday. Released by Hodgson. the Blackburn manager, over the summer. Whealing had trouble finding another profes-sional club and is holding on to the meeting with Fulham as a way of attracting belated attention from league managers.

Whealing will not be daunted by Craven Cottage. As an understudy to Graeme Le Saux at Blackburn, he was involved in the Champions' League campaign, earning a place on the Blackburn bench for the match away to Spartak Moscow, "It was an amazing experience," he said. "I'll never forget it, although not many people do, because that was the match when Le Saux and David Batty came to

blows on the pitch."

stopped playing after leaving Blackburn, an early retire-ment prevented only by the

display at Leigh's training session last night, for all those new fans to admire. And if Waywell can outfox another big-name manager in Kevin Keegan on Sunday, the consequences for Leigh are unthinkable. That would get us uniacceptance back Robinson said. "In versal home." fact. I don't think we'd be able

persuasive powers of Gerry Luczka, the assistant manager at Leigh. The FA Cup itself was on

again been massively oversubscribed, with the crews reached two days date. The entry sees club with Britain's top

Hendrie sets sights on another golden goal

WHEN the draw for the first round of the FA Cup was made, those with long memories were struck by the tie that paired Manchester City with Halifax Town at Maine Road tonight. Their thoughts went back to the third round on January 5, 1980. at The Shay, when City, then in the old first division, lost to Halifax, of the fourth division - a result that was generally regarded as the low point of Malcolm Allison's second

spell as City manager. Paul Hendrie, the scorer of the only goal that day, will, no doubt, be taking note of events in Manchester. but he also has a cup-tie of his own to think about. He now manages Tamworth, of the Dr Martens League premier division, who take on Exeter City, of the Nationwide League third division, at the Lamb Ground tomorrow

Smith laid it off and I was support-

Nick Szczepanik hears the manager of Tamworth reminisce

about a giant-killing and dream of a family reunion

ing from midfield," he said. "I timed the run right. Joe Corrigan came out and I hit it into the bottom corner. "I've had ups and downs in the FA Cup. When I was with Birmingham City, I was sub in the FA Cup semi-fi-

nal against Fulham at Hillsborough and I played in the replay. Fulham scored the winner so late that they details for ticket allocations for the second replay at Highbury. Without doubt, the goal against City is the best cup memory I've had. It will always stick in my mind." The two clubs are separated by only ls league places today, but it is worth recalling that in 1980, City, although in the middle of a sticky patch when they went to Halifax, were fixtures in the top division and reached the FA Cup Final the next season, losing to Tottenham Hot-

Nevertheless, Hendrie, who runs an industrial cleaning business, re-called his winner against City with fondness. It came in the 75th minute of a match played in difficult conditions. "Andy Stafford crossed, John

file club," Hendrie said. "They'd signed Steve Daley for £1.5 million. and we were in the old fourth division." So George Kirby, the Halifax manager, went to unusual lengths to even the odds. "He brought in a hyp-



notist, someone called Romark, from London, who was supposed to have a curse on Malcolm Allison." If nothing so exotic, Hendrie has plans for the game tomorrow against Exeter. We had them vatched on Saturday, and my assistant went to see them at Rochdale on

> just go out there and give it our best He is sure of one thing, however - that his side will take Exeter on for skill, rather than try to muscle them out of their game. "I don't encourage kick and rush. I like to get it down and play. There's no sense in changing our tactics and the type of players I've brought in don't play that way," Hendrie said. One of his most experienced players. Tim Steele, is a former Exeter man.

Tuesday." Predictions? "No. We'll

"We're looking forward to it. The one thing a league club doesn't want is to be drawn away to a non-league strong at home, their away record isn't that good. And they will be up against a partisan crowd. Our supporters are very loud and could play big part."

A win over league opposition would pusb those Manchester City memories hard, but there is one further possibility that could eclipse even that magic moment in 1980. Should Tamworth reach the third round, there is the chance that Hendrie could face his son, Lee, the midfield prodigy at Aston Villa

"He's a different sort of player, although I've nursed him along and guided him in what I thought were the right ways," his father said. And it is not just in playing style that the two have differed. "I played for Birmingham, he plays for Villa; I played for Scotland Under-18s and he's got his England caps."

But the two might, just might, find themselves in opposition if the right balls should come out of the bag. "Lee has mentioned it too." Hendrie said. "It would be lovely to draw Villa - a dream come true."

Championsbips in New York next week because of a recurring right knee problem. Williams, who had been receiving daily treatment on the knee, which she strained earlier in the year, said: "I would have loved to have been able to play but it's not possible." Listed fifth on the tour's computer rankings, she would have been making her first appearance in the season-ending tournament at

Vellerici

Madison Square Garden. ROWING: The Fours Head of the River, from Mortlake to Putney, on Saturday has permitted maximum of 550 before the official closing rowers rubbing shoulders internationals and the flotilla will be led off by a quad scull of German international lightweights from Mainzer, the first foreign club to win the event, in 1997. .

ECRICKET: Two Pakistan A batsmen suffered broken bones leading to the abandonment of their tour match in Timaru, New Zealand, yesterday because of a dangerous wicket. Wajahatullaha Wasti suffered fractured ribs and Taimur Khan had his thumb broken while batting against

Northern Conference. The incidents came on the second day. At the abandonment, Pakistan A were 141 for six, replying to Conference's WEIGHTLIFTING: Plamen Jeliazkov, of Bulgaria, set world records for the snatch and the total lift in the 69kg

division at the world championships vesterday. Jeliazkov set a record for the snatch with a lift of 160.0 kg. beating the previous mark of 158.0. Then Jeliazkov's clean and jerk of 190.0kg matched the record set by the Internacional Weightlifting Federation when the weight categories were readjusted.

Havant pitch in for cup contests

By Sydney Friskin and Cathy Harris

HAVANT will ensure that their new dual-colour, artificial turf pitch is given a thorough work-out when they stage two third-round matches in the English Hockey Association Cup on Sunday. The wornen take on Slough and are followed by the men. who entertain Reading. The latter is one of three ties

that pair clubs from the National League premier division. Guildford and Old Loughtoni-ans will clash at Broadwater School, Godalming. Ian Jen-nings, the Guildford playercoach, relies on Hall, Sampson and Fox in attack and Old Loughtonians will pin hopes on Smith and Thompson for their goals. Cannock, the holders, entertain Beeston, who they beat 4-1 in the final at Milton Keynes last season.

Saltgate, with a surptus of talent, will be fielding a reserve side for the away match against Firebrands, but the apas captain and the return of Soma Singh after injury, should provide enough experience to carry them through. The premier division match between Cannock and Reading should be the highlight of a full National League pro-

gramme tomorrow. In the women's national league, Hightown are fast acquiring a reputation as the draw specialists, with five out of five, including holding the champions, Slough. They will be happy enough with another point from toswich, the leaders, tomorrow.

Tina Cullen, the Hightown, England and Great Britain striker, said: "Ipswich are the form side and although our squad has improved beyond all recognition this season, the experience of playing against a quality team should help them learn some of the tricks

Cullen, who is the league's all-time leading goalscorer. Carolyn Reid, the goalkeeper. and the former England and Great Britain captain, Linda Carr, in midfield, form the backbone of the Hightown squad. The schoolgirl interna-tionals, Annalisa Bishop, Nicky O'Donnell, Kate Hendrick and the Walsh sisters, Kate and Rachel, represent the

"Finishing in the top four and qualifying for the play-offs is our priority." Cullen said. 'Our results have shown we can compete against the

Lucy Youngs, who has a foot injury, is the only doubt for an Ipswich side unbeaten under Nick Thompson, their new TENNIS: VICTORY FOR HENMAN TODAY WILL CONFIRM PLACE IN ATP TOUR FINALS

Hendrie plans to outwit Exeter

Rusedski holds right course

GREG RUSEDSKI moved within touching distance of the ATP Tour championship in Hanover when he defeated Vincent Spadea, of the United States, in the second round of the Scania Open in Stockholm yesterday.

spur after a replay.

"Of course City were a high-pro-

In a carbon-copy of his opening-round defeat of Tommy Haas on Wednesday, Rusedski raced away with the first set before encountering greater resistance. He needed five match points before finally subduing Spadea, who is one of the most improved players on the circuit this year.

The Hanover race comes to a head for Rusedski and Tim Henman today. Victory for Henman, who plays Magnus By JULIAN MUSCAT

Gustafsson, of Sweden, would book his place in the eightman finals. Rusedski plays Daniel Nestor, of Canada, in another quarter-final in which victory for the No 4 seed, who has won more indoor matches than any other player this year, would require him to win his semi-final on Saturday

to clinch his berth.

Rusedski's passage to Hanover was eased considerably when Pete Sampras, his projected semi-final opponent in Stockholm, was beaten in the first round by Jason Stolten-berg, of Australia. Rusedski became the first British player

reach the Hanover finals last year, when injury forced his withdrawal at the round-robin stage. Britain has never had two representatives in the tournament, which has prize-money of \$3.3 million.

Both hold healthy leads over the pursuing Yevgeny Kafelnikov, of Russia. Kafelnikov is engaged in Moscow this week, where he must win the tournament and hope that either Rusedski or Henman slips up to claim a place in Hanover. Inactive yesterday, Kafelnik-

ov, who is himself under pressure from Goran Ivanisevic, today plays Guillaume Raoux. of France, for a semi-final



Rusedski: straight-sets win

BOWLS: ENGLAND RETURN TO ACTION LOOKING TO CONFIRM QUARTER-FINAL PLACE

Champions enjoy strong position

ENGLAND, the defending champions. lead the section A league table after seven out of 11 rounds of the Manulife Hong Kong international classic pairs here at Kowloon and appear certain to qualify for the quarter-finals.

Andy Wills and Stuart Airey were invited to represent England in the classic in 1996, after a succession of high-profile players had turned in disappointing per-formances, and won the triples that year, followed by the pairs last year. Returning to the green after a rest day, they take on Australia, Kowloon Cricket Club and the FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN HONG KONG

local Club de Recreio today, and complete their round-robin programme against Craigengower Cricket Club tomorrow.

South Africa, who are hoping to appear in their fifth successive final, lead section B, one point ahead of New Zealand, with Ireland in fourth place. Wales have an outside chance of finishing in the top four in section A. but Scotland's hopes of qualifying for the last eight appear to be slim. as they are at present languishing in eighth place in the section B

The overseas players all agree that the standard of the local teams is improving. Kowloon, Craigengower and the official representatives of the Hong Kong Bowling Association are all in line for places

Ing Association are all In line for places in the kmockout stage.

MANULIFE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC PAIRS: Bection A: 1, England 12pts, 2, Australia 11, 3, Creigengower CC 10, 4 Hong Kong 9, 5, Walon 9, 6, Means 8, 7, Kowloon CC 6; 8, Inclan RC 6, 9, Zimbalbue S, 10, Victora 4: 11, HKCC 4, 12, Cub de Recordo 0 Sestion B: 1, South Africa 12, 2, Now Zealand 11; 3, Kowloon BC 9, 4, Ireland 8, 5, HKBA 8, 6, Channel Islands 7, 7, Campde 7, 8, Scotland 6, 9, Sha Tin 5; 10, HK Poico 4, 11, Filipmo Cuo 4, 12, HKFC 3

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker takes steps to recover

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN BERLIN

JOHN WHITAKER underlined his rapid recovery from his fall from Hunter's Level in Vienna when he and his young Russian-bred stallion, Steps Helsinki, won the opening event a speed class, at the Berlin internacional show yesterday.

Although soil sporting a cut above his right eye and nurs-ing a bruised shoulder. Whitaker's bold riding in the confined space of the Velodrome Arena relegated Alois Polimann-Schweckhorst. of Germany, on Aperio, to sec-ond place by 0.13sec. Thomas Voss, another German, who had led for the first half of the class for 7 and 8-year-old hors-

es, finished third on Clinton. Clearly delighted at this timely fillip to his fortunes. Whitaker was full of praise for his his young black stallion, which he bought in Norway 18 months ago. "He's definitely one for the future. He's gol a good jump, a good tempera-ment and he can cover the ground," he said.

Steps Helsinki had indicated his potential at Hickstead this summer, where he won a class in the outside arena and was also placed in the grade B event. This is only his second show abroad. Whitaker, in common with the other leading riders, welcomed the addi-

oon of these classes to the schedule. "It means you can bring on a young horse while still competing with your main string," he said.

Frustratingly his main horse here. Amber du Montois, whom he hopes to jump in the World Cup qualifier tomorrow, has a heel infection. Whitaker is hoping that he will recover in time but as a precaution he gave Virtual Village Welham, a warm-up in

the Eternit Prize. The 18-year-old gelding on which, ironically Whitaker had a bad fall in the qualifier here last year, completed a careful clear round in the class won by Gilbert Bockmann, of

Germany. Di Lampard, whose eleventh place at the world champi-onships in Rome last month was the best performance by a Briosh compedior, was again the best of the four Britons in the Eternit Prize, finishing tenth of the 52 starters on Audacity. Geoff Billington had the penultimate fence down on Niko and Michael Whitaker. John's younger brother, collected 1.25 ome faults on Ashley.

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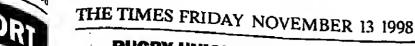
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RUGBY UNION: WORLD CUP QUALIFIER OFFERS CHANCE FOR DUTCH TO PROVE COURAGE

England show no mercy

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT AND JOHN GOODBODY

THERE will be no concessions from England at Huddersfield tomorrow. They will treat their Dutch opponents in the World Cup qualifying game at the McAlpine Stadium as they would any other international team. The first thing you do. in any international match, is establish dominance in every area you can," Martin Johnson, the captain, said.

The Netherlands would not want it any other way. They seek to be respected for their achievement in reaching this stage of the tournament, and England will give them their due. At the same ome, England supporters will be disappointed of the team does not comfortably exceed their record total of 60 points in an international that was achieved in 1987, 1994 and 1998 against, respectively, Japan, Canada and Wales.

"There is a danger of playing down the Dutch," Jason Leonard, who will be winning his 64th cap, said. They will be looking for a professional performance as much as we are. If there is a safety aspect to be considered, it will come down to common sense from the players involved, and the referee Roger Duhau, of Francel We will prepare in the same way as we will against Italy, Australia and

South Africa." The tournament organisers have surely pitched the ockel prices too high for the qualifying games, with top prices of £20 for tomorrow, £12 for the meeting of Italy and The Netherlands next Wednesday and £30 for England's final qualifier, against Italy, on November 10,000-15,000 is expected tomorrow, dropping to some 5,000 next Wednesday and up to 20,000 - some 4,500 below



Guscott, the Bath centre, spins the ball out to his fellow threequarters during the England training session yesterday

Top price for the recent rugby league international between Great Britain and New Zealand staged un the same ground was £17.

However, the Rugby Foothall Union has linked a series of seminars to the qualifying tournament, designed to help local clubs with aspects of funding, youth development and medical aid, while the presence in the Dutch XV of Caine Elisara may inspire some of his Wakefield colleagues to support their No 8.

There is controversy over drug-testing at tomorrow's game because nationally-recognised sampling officers are not being used. Urine speci-

King's College, London Uniwhen there is a reputable indeversity but will be flown to Madrid for tesong at another laboratory accredited by the International Olympic Committee. Apart from some years at

Wimbledon, this is the first time for any leading sports event in Britain that the United Kingdom Sports Council (UKSC) and King's College have not been involved.

The decision not to use sampling officers qualified by the UKSC, for both this match and also Scotland's qualifying match against Portugal at Murrayfield, was described as "amazing" by Ismail Jakote, the medical adviser to the South African Rugby Union.

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only one team, and that of a so-

body of Dutch rugby, he has

combed the world for players

with the appropriate qualifica-

There is no rugby in Dutch schools and half his 26-strong

squad are students, among

them Peter Hudson, 19, a

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Thomas Suring, a back-row forward, would be worth a

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rade in France.

pendent system for sampling in countries hosting the matches, anything needs to go elsewhere." Jakote said. The UKSC oversees the sam-

pling and analysis for all four home unions and the International Rugby Board. But for this tournament the

Rugby World Cup (RWC) will be using a team assembled by Mike Anderson, the honorary doping controller for the compention. Although South Afri-ca used Anderson for the 1995 World Cup, Jakote said this was because there no sampling system established in the republic at the time.

"If we ever host the World

collect and test all the samples ourselves just as we expected Britain to do, he said. Chris Thau, a RWC spokesman. said that in 1995, the IOC observer had approved the sys-tem and pointed out that Anderson was ensuring cononui-

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The Newcastle captain, Dean Ryan, will go into hospital next week for a neck operation that will keep him out of rugby until mid-February. Ryan needs surgery on a pro-lapsed disc. David Rees, the England wing, will start his first Allied Dunbar Premiership match of the season for Sale tonight, after an eightmonth battle to recover from a

Words do no justice to voice of McLaren

n what is perceived to be the piranha-pool that media folk invent and that they choose to inhabit, it is time to sing the praises of a famous and conspicuously decent man. Bill McLaren is respected and, without argument, universally loved as a rugby commentator.

The 75-year-old, still going strong after a career that has spanned four decades, will be back in the commentary box again for the Wales-South Africa match tomorrow.

For all of us of a certain age, we have lived our rugby lives through the tenor of his voice, dreamt our dreams and relived many ancient moments with that mellow Borders brogue carving its way deep into our spirit.

If you want to know McLaren's life story you are advised to look out for his autobiography, or to wish to find in your Christmas stocking the video of his sweet recollections that was released last week. He can speak, as we all know, more than eloquently for himself. This is by way of a small appreciation.

We are all now very familiar with his magical voice, but it took quite a while to add flesh to the fleeding sound. What did he look like in his younger days? Tall of frame, saturnine with an almost forbidding glower, until the smile broke

and the chat began. He used to stand outside the Wales dressing-room dressed in dark, shadowy shades as if, were he to chance his arm with anything hinting of colour, the church elders might summon him to explain his flamboyance. Invariably, he was waiting for Gareth Edwards to come along. There was always a tin of pepper-mint sweets for the Wales scrum half to take home. It was a McLaren rinual.

He became integral to our winter rugby pageant, a com-forting sound that accompanied us throughout the season. We were in his thrall. Part of the bliss in reclining at our ease to anocipate the afternoon's sporting fix was to listen to him as much as it was to

see the game.

Hearing him, we were in-dined to feel boastful about being a couch potato; he destroyed the incentive to look for a ticket. McLaren's voice remains rich and plangent to this day; the occasion enriched by his presence. He can brightGERALD DAVIES



Rugby Union Commentary

en the dullest of matches. Even the grass seems fresher and greener for Bill telling us

He is manifestly composed of the best sensibilities. Commenting on a grinding, occasionally violent game, the cadence of his voice makes the game lovable, despite the visual evidence to the contrary. He never exaggerates and there is a very real sense of fun about him - the kind of joy the best schoolmaster feels in his pupil's success.

Listening to McLaren you could not tire of rugby. He is courteous, well-mannered and admires what he sees. He always acknowledges the fragile halance between good and bad, to which the players are vulnerable, without in any sense betraying, as some conmentators do, that they could do better.

His homework of facts and figures is medculously detailed on a large sheet. Listening to him is to appreciate that he is no show-off, prepared to parade his information to enhance his own sense of

The facts for McLaren are not allowed to intrude on the speciacle itself nor to prumote the sense of his own importance. They are used economically, judiciously and with an imaginative flourish, which add a literary texture to the sweaty scene.

He is not, what they nowadays call an anorak. He is more like the unknown companion you hope to sit next to at a game: A well-informed devotee whose occasional interjections add to your own knowledge.

He is a proud Scotsman but ve are spared any bias; his observations are fair and neutral. From Auckland to Aberdeen. Cardiff to Connacht, Bath to Brisbanc, he is cher-

It is a mark of his omniscience as a rugby commentator and his prodigious contribution to the popularity of rug-by that, whenever the contract for the television rights are raised, and the BBC's position is in jeopardy, both sides of the negocating table have had to ponder a future in the absence of McLaren. The contemplaoon of which has been, to the rugby authorities, akin to look-

ing into the abyss.

He has been a constant mark of excellence and the touchstone for all those that follow. Simply, he has blessed rugby foorball with his inimitable presence. He has made all

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McLaren has been a wonderful servant to rugby union

Netherlands taught the Old tricks he train is leaving David Hands meets the former the station and we must be on it, even

if we are the last carriage," Geoff Old said. The World Cup locomotive is bring-

ing The Netherlands to England for a match that could become a nightmare for yawning chasm that exists between the sides.

International rugby has well-defined strata and if England, who play The Nether-lands at Huddersfield tomorrow, are in the top-five layer, the Dutch lurk somewhere below the top 20. It is hardly the fault of The Netherlands if success in their own pool suddenly brings them swimming into the jaws of a basking shark. though the draw has been less than kind.

peers from Poland. Ukraine and Belgium, the Dutch then fell 42-3 to Romania: even so they had done enough to reach the final European qualifying

All Black attempting to bring respectability to Dutch rugby stage, but whereas Georgia which to work. There are

find themselves altingside Ire-land and Portugal in Scotland, ior and junior players in the the Dutch must play England and, next Wednesday, Italy. They have prepared as well as their limited resources al-

low, but the sight of their pack being shunted off their own ball by a scratch British Combined Services pack last week left little to the imagination. Old, director of coaching to The Netherlands Rugby board, knows this. The former New Zealand back-row for-

ward accepted an invitation from Lee Smith, the Interna-Having overcome their oonal Rugby Board's development manager, to help Dutch rugby forward, though his realisoc World Cup target is 2003, not 1999.

He has a limited base from

in England and he hopes that the exposure his players re-ceive may attract offers from professional clubs. There's natural flair in the

Dutch, it shows in their football side. I'm trying to bring that to the surface. I'm coaching technique into these guys ve need to do that at an Netherlands, scattered around earlier age. All I can ask of them now is that they play to the best of their ability. I'm trycial nature. To bolster the ing to create an environment where they can do that but if we are to move forward, we have to have games like these. tions - players such as Nick we have to take risks." Holten, the flanker from Waikato, and Rob van der Ven, who plays for Peyreho-

He can laugh at the thought that, if the Dutch make it through for the final qualifying places in the 1999 finals. which would mean beating Korea and Tonga, the prize could be a place in the same pool as England, Italy ... and New Zealand. "We don't want to be patronised," he said. "We have worked hard to be here and we deserve to be treated like an international team."

METHERIANDS: A Wabbar (London Kwel); O Windsale (Neopache), R wan der Weite (DCK), G Evente (Reading), G Viguturs (The Dutes); B Veryour (Cotteve), M Marchar (Castrour, captan); J ven der Ench (West Hardepoot), A Seybel (Haspische), R Phillippo (AAC), T Surfing (DCK), R Dentaces, (Barriad), R ven der Ven (Psychonole), R Hollan (Westel), C Ellara (Wakefeld); Replacements: 5 Recenter (Principle), R Homes (Castrour), G Blooment (Bekaro), H Brat (Haspische), P Korthen (Castrour), G Blooment (Bekaro), P Hudson (Newcaste) University)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT Begin Bridge with The Times: Lesson 31 -

More on responding to One No-Trump In order to test your understanding of what we covered last week, how would you respond to partner's One No-Trump with the following hands?

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With Hand []) bid Two Spades. Partner should always pass. Try this hand out facing various One No-Trump openers and you will see that it usually makes more tricks in spades than it does in no-trumps. With Hand (2) you still make a weakness take-out, this time Two Hearts. Although you have considerably more than you did on the previous hand, your side still has a maximum of only 23 HCP which, more often than not, won't be enough for game.

With Hand (3) you have a balanced 11 HCP. Bid an invitational Two No-Trumps, asking partner to bid game if he is maximum. With Hand (4) you have enough for game, no real interest in a slam and a good strong suit of your own. Bid Four Spades straight away. You have enough for game on Hand (5) but you don't know

about partner's spade support. Bid Three Spades. This is a forcing bid so partner must not pass. If he has three or more spades he will raise you to Four Spades; if he has only two he will bid Three No-Trumps and you will pass.

On Hand (6) you have enough for a game. When your fivecard suit is a minor it is rarely right to bid it when you have a balanced band. To make a game in diamonds you need to make eleven tricks and the nine you need for no-trumps is usually much easier. Go straight to Three No-Trumps.

Hand (7) is more challenging. Here you have 16 HCP and some powerful distribution. A slam could easily be on. Jump to Three Diamonds, forcing partner to bid again. If he does not have a fit for diamonds he will bid Three No-Trumps. otherwise he may raise diamonds or even bid a four-card major suit. That way you will find an eight-card heart fit if you have one.

We have covered a lot of ground in the last six weeks and now is the time for some practice. Get out a pack of cards, make yourself up a typical One No-Trump opener and deal the other cards randomly. Work out what you would respond to the One No-Trump opening with all the other three hands. Next week I will move on to stronger balanced hands.

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

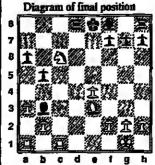
Korchnoi's form

Former World Championship challenger Viktor Korchnoi has enjoyed some remarkable successes in his mid-sixties, but at the Tilburg tournament he was outclassed by the youth-

ful field of top grandmasters. Today's games see Korchnoi being overwhelmed by two of the world's top players on current form.

White: Viswanathan Anand Black: Viktor Korchnoi Tilburg, Holland 1998 Queen's gambit declined

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Black: Vladimir Kramnil Tilburg, Holland 1998 Queen's gambit declined

White: Viktor Korchnoi

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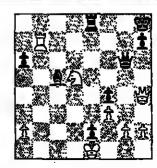
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play.

This position is from the game Czebe-Michaltz, Budapest, 1998. Can you spot the clever sequence by which Black made maximum use of his dangerous e-pawn?

Solution on page 50



Scotland warned by Peters By Alasdair Reid

THE New Zealand Maoris have named four All Blacks in their line-up to play Scotland at Murrayfield tomorrow. The players are Adrian Cashmore, the full back, Caleb Ralph, the centre, Norm Berryman, the left wing, and Kees Meeuws, the oght-head prop. A fifth capped player, Glen Osborne, the wing, has been named as a

replacement. The Maoris, who scored II tries in their 69-3 win over Edinburgh Reivers on Wednesday, go into the match defending a four-year unbeaten record. Their international conquests since losing to Eastern Province in 1994 have included Western Samoa, Tunga, Fiji, Argenona and, most recently. England, who were trounced 62-14 during their illfated tour to the southern hemisphere last summer.

Eric Peters, the Bath No 8, said that Scotland face an awe-Ď. some task. "Guys like Matt Perry and Ben Sturnham at Bath said they were the best side they faced on the whole trip." Peters said, "When you consider they also played the All Blacks and South Africa, that gives some indication of how strong the Maoris are. South Africa are the best side in the world at the moment, but the Maoris are probably in the top four as well."

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FOR THE RECORD OR MARTENS LEAGUE CUP: First round, first leg: Boston 5 King 6 Lynn 0; Darford 1 Torbridge Angels 1; Enth and Belveriere 0 Crayley 1; Newport AFC 4 Chiclerica? 2; Racing Cub Warned, 3 Stellord 1, St. Leonards 2 Fainn 2; VS Riggly 1 Hockworth 1. RYMAN LEAGUE: Third division: Southall 1 Fluckwoll Height 4 GUBERT LEAGUE CUP: Guarter-finals: Caemarion 2 Total Network Solutions 1, Cwmbanu 6 Inter Chile I Tell 6 BASKETBALL BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester Grants 96 London Towars 83

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WORD-WATCHING

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By Philip Howard

MOHA a. Fur b. Illusion c. Astronomical timescale **FURFURAL**

a. Mayhem b. Animal rights c. An industrial solvent Answers on page 50



Ice pack: Hodges, right, is given some useful advice by Burieko and Serova, her husband-and-wife Russian coaches, at Romford ice rink

Britain hopes for new ice age

igure skating carries an image of perfect young women and, while two of the entrants in the senior national championship tonight at Milton Keynes are far from perfect, they are certainly young.

Vikki Hodges and Jennifer Holmes are 14 and come into the event with everything to gain. Internationally, they are soil regarded as juniors, but have chosen to make their senior de-buts naoonally this year and, in doing so, will be competing against skaters of greater age and experience.

Neither girl is tipped to win --although the possibility should not be ruled out - and, ironically, if either were to triumph they would be too young to compete at the European championships in January and the subsequent world championships. However, with the Naoonal (ce Skating Association (NISA) laying down a criteria of four different triple jumps for selection. it is possibile that no one else will go.

The last time a British woman qualified to skate the free programme in a European championship was Charlene Von Sayer, an import from the United States. in 1994. Stephanie Main, who is entered this week, qualified for the 1996 world championships, but the 1997 and 1998 events did not contain one British woman and many see Hodges and Holmes as the only

bright spots on a gloomy horizon. Hodges, who trains at Romford ice rink with Yuri Bureiko and Marina Serova, a husband-and-wife team from Russia, was born the day Torvill and Dean won their Olympic gold medal - February 14, 1984, "I suppose that was an onien," she said. "But it Angela Court on the high expectations for two 14-year-olds in the national championships

was another five years before I took to the ice and I've hardly been off it since." Having finished thirteenth in the British junior championships last year. Hodges has no qualms about making a premature transition to seniors. She recently landed three triple jumps in an international in Germany and plans to perform five in her free programme tomorrow.

"I need to do seniors to push me," said. "Competing abroad has made me realise that some junior skaters in other countries are better than our seniors. If I want to be a serious competitor I have to be prepared to skate against the best in this country

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Bureiko, a former junior world silver medal-winner, has worked with Hodges for 18 months. His strict methods of teaching are not always popular with those not dedicated to the sport, but he said: "If you don't aim to be first, then take up drawing or something else. Why train and compete if you don't want to win?" He described Hodges as talemed, but said that the hard work has only just begun.
"I told Vikki's parents when she

came to me that my way would mean extreme hard work." he said. "I said there would be tears and times when she'd be very upset, and we've seen those times. Success in this sport does not come easy. She is now learning



Holmes keeps smiling while she trains on a rink near her Prestwick home

what hard work is and knows that her efforts before didn't even come close."

Holmes won the British junior championship last year and is also working hard. She hives in Prestwick. Ayrshire, and has a three-hour round trip several times a week to Murrayfield to train with Alice Fell, her coach. The rest of the week is divided between two rinks near her home, where she practises alone. "Jennifer is very motivated," Fell said. "I can leave her to work alone and know she'll do it. She may only be 14 but she has a training plan and sticks to it. There's no mess-

ith four triple jumps planned for her free programme. Holmes is eager to make her senior debut "It'll give me more experience," she said. "I am a little nervous, but then you need some nerve to drive you. I just want to do my best here and see what

Fell knows that this is a good time for Holmes to advance to senior level. "Her free programme is ambitious, but there's no pressure on her and in many ways that makes it easier," she said. "Anyway, she has to do the triple jump internationally, so why not do them here?"

Kevin Bursey, the NISA national performance director, described Hodges women's skating. "In the past, our ladies have suffered from self-doubt, and a lack of technical ability," he said. Both girls are technically competent and competitive. More importantly, they want to win, which is a major factor. If you're not hungry for success you may as well hang up your skates."

BOXING

Graham forced into an early retirement

By SRIKUMAR SEN. BOXING CORRESPONDENT

HEROL GRAHAM, Britain's best boxer never to have won a world title, has retired.

Graham, 39, was doe to meet David Starie, of Ipswich, for the vacant British supermiddleweight championship on November 21, but decided to quit yesterday after his optician told him that he risked blindness if he boxed again. Graham said: "He looked

and looked again - when that happens they know something is wrong. It is likely to be a detached retina and will need surgery. John Morris, Secretary of

the British Boxing Board of Control. said: "I am glad it was Herol who took the decision and not us. But he has gone out at the highest Graham started his cam-

paign 20 years ago, winning the Bridsh, European and Commonwealth light-middleweight championships before moving up to middleweight, where he won the British and European championships.

He had 54 contests of which he lost only six, three of them being for the world litle. ☐ Kevin Lueshing has been cleared to box for the vacant British westerweight champiagainst Nicky Thurbin. There were doubts earlier this week about Lueshing's brain scan, but the board's neurological specialists passed him fit yesterday.

WORD-WATCHING

MARAGING

(a) A simple heat treatment very effective with steels, particularly those with high nickel content, eg 18 per cent +. It gives strength and toughness as required, for example, cases for solid rocket propellant motors, deep submerged pressure vessels, flexible gimbals. You heat to about 820C, then cool and anneal. Then harden by heating to 450-510C. It takes from three to six hours.

XERYUS (c) An oriental male fragrance made by perfumes of Firmen-ich, by Givenchy in 1986, to complement Ysatis. Its top notes are citrus: bergamot and grapefruit. The middle register is floral and spicy: jasmine, violet, cinnamon, sandalwood.

cypress and coriander. The base is musk, amber, frankincense and leather. MOHA

(b) A Buddhist term meaning illusion or the erroneous view of things, characteristic of the person whose posture is unenlightened. **FURFURAL**

(c) An organic compound derived from the treatment of bran with dilute acid. It is a powerful solvent for removing undestrable components from lubricating oils.

Answer to Winning Move 1, ... Qg3+1; 2, hxg3 Bf2+; 3, Kd2elQ+; 4, Kd3 Qd1+; 5, Kc4 Qd4+ and Black will emerge with a decisive material advanTELEVISION CHOICE

Marking birth with birch

Gardening Neighbours BBC2, 8-30pm

Kenbourne Grove in suburban Sheffield is the loca-tion for the latest garden makeover series, which dispenses with Alan Trichmarsh-led hit squads dispenses with Alan Titchmarsh-led hit squads and lets the residents do most of the work themselves. There is, however, expert help available from the Dubliner Diarmuid Gavin, of Home Front in the Garden, and Ali Ward, a former model who is now a garden designer. Eight gardens are featured in the series. The best-known of the owners is the actor Ray Ashcroft, who plays DS Daly in The Bill and lives at No 5 with his wife and three children. The most flamboyant are Kay and Billy Harraps, who want a fun garden with a cocont shy and beach hut. The least conventional are nut shy and beach hur. The least conventional are Catriona Paterson and Steve Herbert, who use their garden to hury the placenta from the birth of their son and plant a birch tree to mark the spot.

Goodness Gracious Me BBC2.9.30om

The comedy sketch show continues to prove that humour from the Asian community can have mainstream appeal. The talented team not only offers a fresh perspective on British society as a whole but is prepared to confront, and even laugh at, its own culture. As always with a sketch format, the quality is the same of ty is uneven. A winking, sniggering Bollywood film star, new for this second series, is already threatening to outstay his welcome. But some of the older creations still score, notably the more-English-than-English Kapoors and Mr Cheque Please, the diner with the unfortunate chat-up lines for his female guests. As before the principal per-formers are Meera Syal, Sanjeev Bhaskar. Kul-vinder Ghir and Nina Wadia. Syal and Bhaskar are also among the writers.

Britain's Most Wanted ITV. 9.00pm

Despite the dramatic title this six-part series is es-sentially another version of the Crimewatch formula of restaging unsolved crimes and inviting viewers to help. Two familiar ITV faces, Penny Smith and Dermot Murnaghan, fill the roles taken on the BBC show by Jill Dando and Nick Ross. Among



More English-than-English with the Kapoors and friends (BBC2, 9.30pm)

those featured on tonight's programme is Elaine Parent, who is wanted not only here but in the United States. A master of disguise who uses several aliases, she is sought by police investigating the death of an American woman found decapitated and handless. We are also asked for information that could trace the whereabouts of Deborah Steel, a rub trace the whereabouts of Deborah Steel, a pub landlady who was last seen in her home town of Ely in December last year. Apart from its appeals and reconstructions, the programme reports on new police initiatives against crime.

The People v Jerry Sadowitz

Channel 5, 10.40pm

Wuthering Heights

Radio 2, 9,15pm

The Scottish comedian, who looks like the late Marty Feldman in a silly wig, returns with the raucous show which invites members of the audience to come up and let Sadowitz make fools of them. The surprise is that there are so many takers, for the Sadowitz speciality is to cut his guests short almost before they have opened their mouths. The idea is that nobody should be boring. In that case why is a support bed Max Miller imperman allowed to do a very bad Max Miller impersonation at mind-numbing length and not be given the red card? Talking of impersonations, the celeb-rity "bouncer" tonight is another funnyman, Mal-colm Hardee. His General de Gaulle, evoked with a pair of speciacles placed strategically on a part of his anatomy not usually exposed on television, is as rude as it is funny.

Peter Waymark

The 150th anniversary of Emily Bronte's death-

The 150th anniversary of Emily Bronte's death-provides a good excuse for a great story and, Wuthering Heights is certainly that. One of the few classics to have spawned every kind of offshoot, from several film versions to the pop song by Kate-Bush, Wuthering Heights has been adapted by Neville Teller and is read in seven parts by Paul McGann, for whom, as for most of us, Heathcliff is

one of the great enigmas of literature. The strong

themes of love and revenge in the story are all the more remarkably conveyed given that Bronte was only 29 years old when she linished the book. This is not the first adaptation to help make Radio Zs schedules as important as those of Radio 4 forthose who enjoy book readings.

Peter Barnard

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 6.30 The Way We Are 6.45 Transplantations 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelft Tales from Owd 10/10 7.30 Music Review 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Westway 8.30 John Peel 9.00 News, [648 only) News in German 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Early Versions 9.30 Speaking of English 9.45 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Assignment 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Focus on Fault 12.00 News 12.06pm World Business Report 12.15 British Today 12.30 Wood, Guts and Brass 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outdook 2.30 Multitrack Alternative 3.00 News, (648 only) News in German 3.05 Football Extra 3.15 To Be Continued 3.30 Science in Action 4.00 News 4.15 Soundworks 4.30 Insight (648 only) News in German 8.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Hound-Up 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Focus On Faulti, (648 only) News in German 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Outdook 7.25 Pause For Thoughl 7.30 Multitrack Allemative 8.00 Newshour 9.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Newsdesk 10.30 Insight 10.45 Sports Round-Up 11.00 News 11.05 Outlook 11.30 Multitrack Alternative 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am From the Weeklies 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 12.30 To Be Continued 1.45 Poems by Post 2.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Insight 8.01 the Shell

CLASSIC FM

8.00am Nick Bailey's Easier Breatdast 8.00 Henry Kelly Includes the Half of Fame Hour 12.00 Lunchtime Requests Jane Jones plays tavourie music 2.00pm Concerto Hoffmann (Cello Competo in 0 majori 3.00 Janue Crick, Continuous

(Cello Coricerto int O majort 3.00 Jame Crick, Continuous Classics, plus sport updates and travel news 6.30 Newsnight 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven John Brunning Introduces classic sounds 9.00 Evening Concert, Salien (Piano Concerto in 8 flat major), Truscost (Clasy for Suring Orchestra); Luily (Dies kae), Granados (Violin Sonalat), Alvan (Sonatine), Debus Plaris — The Song of a Great City) 11.00 Mann et Night 2.00mm Concerto(t) 3.00 Mark Griffiths with the Early Breakfast Show

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RADIO CHOICE

True Lies Radio 4. 6_30pm

phrases as "salient fact".

The 6.30 slot in the new Radio 4 schedules has had a smoother ride from listeners and critics than the 1.30 quiz slot, even though there has been an uneven feel to the actual programming at both times. True Lies is described as "a new topical panel game", the word topical being a euphemism for "no preview tape available". I will risk a recommendation, without spinning you any tales, for True Lies, presented by David Aaronovitch, is essentially concerned with spin-doctoring. Each week three guests will place their longues in their cheeks and translate some of the gobbledegook. attached to the week's news, perhaps including explanations of such recent 10 Downing Street

RADIO 1 (BBC)

8.30am Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radditte 4,00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Pete Tong's Essented Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Westwood: Radio 1 Rap Snow 2.00am Fablo and Groovender 4.00 Emma 8

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00cm Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Nen Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2,00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Des Lynam 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Nusic Night 9.15 Wuthering Heights. See Choice (1/7) 8.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 David Jacobs with Easy Does It 10.30 The Arts Programme 12.00 Lynn Parsons 4.00cm Jackie Brid

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breaklast with Julian Womcker and Victoria Derbyshire 8.00 Nichy Campbell 12.00 The Midday News. Headlines from around the world, with Annie Webster 1,00pm Ruscoe and Co 4,00 Drive 7,00 News Extra 7,30 Alan Green's Sportsnight 10,00 Late Night Live with Brian Hayes, including the Financial World Tonight 1.00am Up All Night, Richard Dallyn presents worldwide news coverage

6.30mm Chris Evans 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Bobby Hain 7.00 Wheels of Steel 11.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00mm Richard West

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RADIO 3

6.00am On Air As a senes about the history of art 6.00am On Air As a senes about the history of art begins on letevision, Stephania Hughes talks to Waldemar Januszazack, Includes Kodaly (Dances of Gafantal; Ovorak (Noonclay Writch)

9.00 Mesterworks with Peter Hobdey, Tchaikovsky (Voyevoda) Bruch (Violin Concerto No 2 in Diminor), Scariatti (Sonara in Fiminor, Kk519); Shostakovich (Symphony No 5)

10.30 Artist of the week: Mististay Rostropovich

11.00 Sound Stories Richard Baker looks at the life of David Murrow

12.00 Composer of the Week: Debussy

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert (r)

2.00 The BRC Orchestras Count store Ful One and

Allen 1.00am Ian Collins & the Creatures Of The Night

2.00 The BBC Orchestras Conductors Eur Oue and Tadatki Otaka, Lars Vogl (piano), Rossini (Overture: The Thiewing Magpies), Grace Williams (Panillon); Beathoven (Pana Concerto No 5 in E Ital, Emperor), Tcharkovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor)
4.00 Music Restored Lucie Skeaping introduces

music Hestores Dude Skeaping introduces another compilation from this year's York Early Music Festival Music by John Ward, Dowland, Landgrave of Hessen, Gregorio Huwel, Dulay, Handel and Byrd is performed by artists including Emma Kirlby, soprano, Nigel North, lute, and the ensemble Sintonye (ii)

4.45 Music Machine Tommy Pearson talks to the jazz drummer Billy Cobham
5.00 In Tune Sean Relierty talks to artists from the Belfasi Festival

7.30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century)
Misustay Ricetropovich, cello, London Symphony
Orchestra under Ryusuke Numajiri and Mistislay
Ricetropovich. Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 1; Symphony No 11, The Year 1905) 9-20 Postscript with David Gale (5/5) 9.45 Reynaldo Hahn Susan Giaham, mezzo, and Roger Vignoles, piano, perform Hahn (Fetes Galantes; Nocturne; Mai, L'Heure Exquise;

Galantes: Noctume; Mai, L. Heure Exquise; Offrande; Si Mes vers Avaient des Ailes)

10.00 Magnus Lindberg Composer Portrait | Sounding the Century) Anthony Burton presents the second of two BBC Symphony Orchestra composer portraits. Conductor Julka-Pekka Saraste. Includes Lindberg (Corrente Marcan Marcan Cores)

11.30 Mississippi Goddam Concluding the series in which fielen Mayhew explores the career of the pact singer. Nina Sumone

12.00 Composer of the Week: Monteverdi (r) 1.00am Through the Night with Donald Madeod

5,30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5,40 Inshore Forecast 5,46 Prayer for the Day With the Rev Lessey Carroll

5.47 Farming Today with Charlotte Smith

6.00 Today With Sue MacGiegor and John Humphrys

8.35 (LW) Yesterday in Parlament Update from

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9.00 Desert Island Olses Sir Joseph Rotblat (r)

9.45 (FM) Serfat: Memoirs of an Infantry Officer James Wildy reads the final part of the First World War poet Seiglied Sassoon's autobiographical novel about the horrors of tiench warfare

9.45 (LW) An Act of Worship

10.00 Woman's Hour with Martha Keamey and guests

11.00 Flying Starts Patrick French investigates the Tale of a Pembrokestria carpenier pulported to have built and flown his own aircraft eight years before the Wright brothers (r)

11.30 Girtles - Sudha Bhuchar and Shaheen khan's story chronicing the Inats and triumphs of hive women living in SW19. With Sakuntala Ramanee and Shaheen Khan (1/4) (r)

12.00 (FM) Nows

and Shallest Russic (177) [17]
12.00 (FM) News
12.00 (LW) News Headtines; Shipping Forecast
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1.00 The World at One Presented by Nick Clarke
1.30 Screen Test Bana Sibley chairs the challenging
film que from the Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle
2.00 The Archers III

2.00 The Archers he
2.15 Afternoon Play: In Singapore A liftysomething
woman looks back on her childhood in Singapore
Staming Jane Lapotaile, Kelly Hunler and John
Dougs

Rowe
3.00 Making History Roger Wilkes helps insteners
research their own historical mystenes
3.30 Dedicated to: Olgo Lestie Forbes offers an
insight into the authors' dedications (i)

3.45 Feedback Presented by Chris Dunkley 4.00 Open Book Humphrey Carpenter looks at

Imancial disasters in fiction It?

4.30 The Message Alex Brodie and his guests discuss current media trends

5.00 PM with Chartie Lee-Potter and Chins Lowe

6.00 Stx O'Clock News

6.30 True Lies See Choice
7.00 The Archers
7.15 Front Row Francine Stock presents the nightty

7.15 Front Row Francine Stock presents the nightly arts review
7.45 Still Waters (t)
6.00 Any Questions? A panel including Lady Turnin and Lord Jenkinson debate issues raised in Wicham, Hampshire, Jonathan Dimbleby chairs
8.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke
9.00 The Friday Play: Mother Teresa in Kilburn by John Dove A chance encounter leads Kate to 2 homeless sheller in Filburn Slaming Isabel Potten, Leena Dhingra and Lesley Vickerage
10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Le Grand Meaulines Philip Frants reads part five of Alain-Fournier's vintage late (r)

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1.1.00 Late Night on 4: Late Tackle Eleanor Oldroyd and guests with more late-night sports conversation and leatures, as England's nugby squad begin their campaign for the 1989 World

Cup

11.30 (FM) Notes from the Ditch Anne Ernight encourages writers and critica to share opinions on gamesmanship in sport

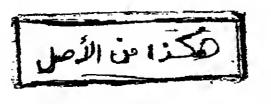
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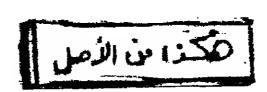
12.00 News

12.30am The Late Book: News of a Kidnapping Sean Barrett concludes Gabnel Garcia Marquez's account of Colombian drug cartels

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 2. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM: 92.4-94.6; LW 198: MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). Television and radio listings compiled by lan Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and Land Marketings.





A rare (lower) case of amusing social satire Last night the Chelsea defender installment of Body Story, Char

REVIEW

just freefall if I may," she says at e

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was a bit worried about dianeriadies (BBCI). This between the tedious Tarby-type are just too amiably dail, furmula-L appears with a small din the title sequence, by the way, as if it were "summat dead modern," or a poem by e.e. cummings. I was worried because there comes a time in every national icon's life when they lapse into self-caricature or retread the same creative tyres to the point where the grey fibrous stuff becomes visible and you know it is already going flat.

And victoria wood, sorry Victoria Wood, is a national icon, as Wednesday night's The Best of British (BBC1) reminded us. It's an inspiring story, rising from an unpromisingly humble northern background, driven only by a craving for stardom and a mischievous relish for the ironies and absurdities of everyday life, without which she might have turned into something like - agargh -Jeanette Winterson. She has created her own space

tive establishment, and has her own, apparently devuted repertory company: Julie Walters, Celia Imrie. Duncan Preston and the rest. She is possibly unique as a middle-market performer whose material can be as intelligent and socially perceptive as any Oxbridge satirist, and a lot more so than most.

But she also belongs to that wellestablished school of northern domestic surrea)ism, which includes Peter Tinniswood and Alan Bennett, all punctured fantasies, non-sequiturs and bathetic juxtapositions. (Incidentally, Thora Hird's heart-stopping perfor-mance in the last of Bennett's Talking Heods II on Wednesday evening (BBC2) must surely have killed off the argument about whether the second series has been any good or not.) If her sketches have a foult it is o

ic, a touch patronising, like nice versions of "The Fat Slags" in Viz. dinnerladies, I feared, might turn out 10 be an over-extended sketch full of such characters and the opening exchanges, with Wood herself as Bren, going on about the lack of "wholemeal torpedoes" in the bread delivery looked decidedly ominous.

ut suddenly they were trad-Bing urban myths about lesbians inseminating themselves with turkey-basters (They get the sperm off the Internet"), and someone's Auntie Dot from Cockermouth cating a rafia coaster - she thought it was a high-fibre biscuit and had to be physically restrained from huttering two more. Ce)ia Imrie twinered in and out

of these appliances spit fat." Julie Walters plays Bren's batty as a nervy human resources mother, who appears to believe she manager called Phillippa ("Flipis some kind of theatrical agent ("I

was in Beirut with Mandy Rice-Davies! 7 and Thelma Barlow is a revelation as Dolly, a manic comic blossoming of her Coronation Street character, Mavis. Yes, there were a few dud lines, but since Wood's script packed more invenrive, original and funny gags into one episode than most British sitcoms manage in a whole series it seems churlish to complain. Anyone who wants stale, formu-

laic humour need only keep their finger off the remote and stay tuned for the new series of They Think It's All Over, BBCI's alterper? He's a whale, in't he?" "Is he not a dolphin, Flipper?"), obsessed native comedy sports quiz. To be with Scottish country dancing. "I'll fair, the show relies heavily on the rapport between the presenter Nick Hancock and the two teams. motivational buzz-session, before suggesting they all massage each captained by the amiably duli other, to general alarm. So we David Gower and Gary Lineker. And they usually manage to wouldn't be naked? Because some generate a genuinely jolly atmosphere, even when the lokes wouldn't make the subs' bench for Victoria Wood's reserves.

Frank Lebouef endured Rory McGrath's year ten "funny French" jokes like a good sport and repeated "Ah wun ze Wurreld Curp" whenever there was a full in the proceedings. Horses for courses, I suppose.

expect they will have been delighted by Alan Davies's witty banter. There were some amusing research items, like the titbit about Glenn Hoddle playing easy listening mood music to soften the blow when he sacked Gazza from the World Cup squad. This would be enough to make anyone swear violently. But on the whole I was glad when I could think it was all over.

In a heavy night for documenta-ries I could not face yet more of the Prince of Wales's personal anguish on Channel 4 or BBC2 or the use of mustard gas in the Grea) War, and opted for Under Pressure, the first

instalment of Body Story. Channei 4's new human anatomy series. Big mistake.

The programme told the story of an imaginary character called John Palmer, an overweight 45year-old with a stressfu) lifestyle, who doesn't get enough exercise and eats too much farry food. Inevitably, John had a heart attack which nearly killed him. He was lucky not to be a character in Casualty where it probably would have killed him.

As an overweight 46-year-old with a stressful lifestyle and so on. found this all a bit near the knuckle. The computer animation turned his heart attack into a tense science-fiction thriller. When he rashly joined a lunchtime kickabout, we actually saw his red blood cells rupturing the fatty plaque in the artery feeding his heart and damming it up. It was dramatic, a medical revelation and completely terrifying.

6.00am Business Breakfast (55416) 7.00 Breakfast News (25690) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8618023)

9.40 Style Challenge Will two James Bond fans be shaken or stirred by their makeovers? (9524874)

10.05 City Hospitat (T) (9668787) 10.55 News (9348771) 11.00 Real Rooms A look back at the summer

trip to a Romanian orphanage (9438348) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook with Ainsley Harriott (T) (9431435)

11.55 News (1369990) 12.00 Pass the Buck (4069145) 12.25pm Going for a Song (4975752) 12.50 The Weather Show (T) 1.00 News and weather (35077)

1.30 Regional News (73491706) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (67930023) 2.05 Ironside (r) (9190313)

2.55 Wipeout (2463706) 3.25 Playdeys (r) (5112690) 3.45 Bananaman (r) (8614232) 3.50 The All-New Popeys Show (r) (T) (3778874) 3.55 Dear Mr Barker (7365961) 4.10 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (T) (9325874) 4.35 Linford's Record Breakers(T) (7995503) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4553313) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (5868110)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (409435) 8.00 News (T) and weather (139) 6.30 Regional News (619)

7.00 Weekend Watchdog with Anne Robinson Consumer news (T) (5955) 7.30 Top of the Pops with east-17; Talyana Evans; and Cher(T) (503)

8.00 Changing Rooms Three dentists and a doctor from Sheffield happily swap their scalpels for screwdrivers to demonstrate their various DIY skills (r) (T) (7503)

8.30 Party of a Lifetime A South London theatre company plan an end-of-season knees-up (T) (3110)

9.00 News and weather (2892) 9.30 Dangerfield: The Lost Boy Paige and Cramer team up to Investigate strange goings-on in the village of Thornton. With Nigel Havers (T) (726874)

10.25 Commando (1985) Retired special agent Amold Schwarzenegger employs an extensive arsenal of high-tech weaponry terrorists who kidnapped his daughter.
Also starring Rae Dawn Chong, Dan
Hedaya and Vernon Wells. Directed by
Mark L. Lester (5330665) WALES: 10.25 Peter Karrie Unmasked (827145) 10.55 FILM: Commando (4160684) 12.15am The Stand-Up Show (54576) 12.45-2.10

FILM. Excessive Force (4587240) 11.45 The Stand-Up Show leaturing the talents of Rhona Cameron and Ian Stone (874874)

12.15am Excessive Force (1993) Violent martial arts edventure, written by and starring Thomas Ian Griffith as an unconventional Chicago policeman vrongly accused of corruption. Directed by Jon Hess (6375820)

1.35 Weather (1651443) 1,40 BBC News 24

Saturday's Vision

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BBC2 6.10am Siena Cathedral (3410110)

7.00 Hairy Jeremy (r) (5773684) 7.05 Teletubbies (r) (2584226) 7.30 Tom and Jerry Kids (r) (2386665) 7.55 Smart tr) (5688955) 8.20 Robinson Sucroe (r) (9271400) 8.45 Johnson and Friends

(6066706) 8.55 Hairy Jeremy (5555077) 9.00 Dynamo (7583752) 9.10 See You. See 9.45 Come Outside (8523400) 10.00 Teletubbies (r) (15771) 10.30

Megamalhs (T) (9904042) 10.50 Look and Read (9097706) 11.10 Landmarks (9856752) 11.30 English File (2787) 12.00 Testament: The Bible in Animation

12.30pm Working Lunch (89771) 1.00 Johnson and Friends (88314961) 1.10 Sophie Grigson's Herbs: sage (43221961) 1.15 The History Hour: Dundee (r) (499232) 2.15 March of Their Day: John Molson (70957329) 2.40 News (T) (7119226) 2.45 On Cue: snooker archives including the World Championship final from 1994 between Jimmy White and Stephen Hendry (5021023) 3.25 News (T) (7978503) 3.30 Gardeners' World (r) (1) (597)

4.00 Change That (i) (T) (3689936) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (3682023) 4.55 Lowri: pampered pets (T) (5457597) 5.30 Today's the Day (T) (868) 6.00 The Simpsons (1) (T) (645752)

6,45 Robot Wars (T) (518706) 7.15 Electric Circus (900435)

7.30 Bookworm with Griff Rhys Jones. The works of P.G. Wodehouse; Felicity Kendal on her childhood in India; popular science books (T) (145) 8.00 Wilderness Welks A tour of County



Ali Ward oversees a garden makeover in Sheffield (6.30pm)

8.30 Gardening Neighbours

Eight Sheffield neighbours revamp their gardens (T) (1752) 9.00 Blackadder Goes Forth First World War

comedy (r) (T) (8394) 9.30 Goodness Gracious Me New series of the Asian sketch show, with Sanjeev Bhaskar, Meera Syal and Nina Wadia (T) (72435) 10.00 Have t Got News for You Alan Titchmarsh and Stephen Bayley join the

regular team (34787) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (842226)

11.15 Stella Street (T) (577110) 11.30 Later with Jools Hotland Robbie Williams, Placebo, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Bonnie Ralit and Trisha Yearwood (33338)

12.30am Comedy Nation Experimental sketches (39191) 1.00 Cafe 21 (42714) 1.30-1.35 Weather (1650714) 3.00-5.00 Learning Zone: Active Learning:

6.00 GMTV (9138435) 9.25 Trisha (T) (6971892) 10.15 This Morning Guests include Isabella Rossellini, actress and model daughter of Ingrid Bergman (T) (41294313)

12.15pm Regional News (235789) 12.30 News (T) and weather (83597) 1.00 Shortland Street (20145) 1.30 Home and Away (T) (82868)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (1849431) 2.40 WALES: Animal Country (2452690) 2.40 Relative Knowledge (r) (2452690) 3.10 News (7977874)

3.15 Regional News (7976145) 3.20 Wizadora (r) (7884110) 3.30 Archibald the Koala (7275394) 3.45 The Adventures of Captain Pugwash (2555416) 4.05 Bemard's Walch (4795042) 4.20 Fun House (T) (3783706) 4.50 Top Ten of Everything (2312139) 5.10 A Country Practice (4852416)

5.40 News (T) and weather (202139) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (701706) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (T) (819400) 6.25 HTV Weather (319874) 6.30 The West Tonight (1) (787)

7.00 Bruce's Price Is Right (T) (3333)

off into the sunset (T) (771) 8.00 The Bill: Dog Eat Dog Santini and Cryer have different ideas over how to deal with the knifing of a young prostitute (T) (8139)

7.30 Coronation Street Liz and Michael head



Dermot Murnaghan and Penny Smith appeal for viewers' help (9pm)

9.00 Britain'e Most Wanted Reconstructions, surveillance footage and leatures on Britain's most wanted criminals (T) (4503) 10.00 News (T) and weather (58313) 10.30 Regional News (965226)

10.40 Friday Night's All Wright (1/6) lan Wright, is joined by his former Arsenal team mate Tony Adams, Paul Weller, Caprice, Kathy Burke, and Honeyz

11.30 The Jerry Springer Show (153139) 12.10am Soundtrax (1505379)

12.25 Pirate TV Two triends fourney around Britain, stopping off at sports locations in an attempt to set up thier own television

tion. Tonight, they attend the Malibu Surf Festival, Cornwall (7585559) 12.55 God's Gift (T) (1693191) 1.55 Club@vision (7248849) 2.40 The Haunted Fishtank (6601530)

3.10 Keoma (1976) with Franco Nero, William Bergen and Woody Strode. At the end of the war of secession, Keoma returns to his native town and attempts to restore

faw and order (966240) 4.50 ITV Nightscreen (7311646) 5.30 News (56356)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except 1.00pm Echo Point (20145) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9894394) 2.40-3.10 Heart of the Country (2452690) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4852416)

6.25-7.00 Central News (819400) 11.30 Nash Bridges (29684) 12.30am God's Gift (45153)

1.30 Club@vision (2549761) 2.15 World Football (5154627) 2,40 seaQuest DSV (2044153) 3.30 Central Jobfinder '98 (381801) 5.20 Asian Eye (3881240)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.15pm Westcountry News (3797139) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (9115619)

1.00 One for the Girls (20145) 1.30 The Jerry Springer Show (9894394) 2.40-3.10 Westcountry Update (2452690) 5.08 Birthday People (9302313) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4852416)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (64416) 11.30 Pulling Power Special; International Motorcycle Show (74121) 12,00am The Making of Still Crazy (7575172)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except: 12,15pm-12.30 Meridian News and Weather

1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (3669313) 2.35-3.10 Crafts People (5038313) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4852416) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (64416) 5,00am Freescreen (20004)

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12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (9119435) 1.00-1.30 Split Second (20145) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (3669313) 2.35-3.10 A Splash of Colour (5038313) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4852416)

8.23 Anglia Weather (310503) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (819400) 10.29 Anglia Air Watch (436077)

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11.00 The Technology Programme (4220023) 11.15 Pa Newydd? (4316874) 11.30 Here's One | Made Earlier (4955) 12.00pm Girl on e Motorbike (55226) 12.30 Sesame Street (81139) 1.00 Planed Plant (98227481)
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Jeannie (T) (28787) 1.30 Racing from Cheltenham Brough Scott introduces the 1.50, 2.25, 3.00, and 3.35 (the Cross Country Steeplechase) races

4.03 Fifteen-to-One (T) (400) 4.30 Countdown (T) (7816042) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) [5442665) 5.30 Pet Rescue Roadshow The Proteus

Reptile Rescue headquarters; Poppy the puppy; and horse therapist Richard Maxwell (936) 6.00 TFI Friday Chris Evans is joined by Frankie Detton (r) (62058)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and weather (209874) 7.55 The Political Slot (786077) 8.00 Garden Doctors (4/11) Harwich County Primary School's playground is transformed (T) (7313)

8.30 Brookside Lindsey receives a surprise wedding gift (T) (9348) 9.00 Friends Dramatic changes occur in Ross and Emily's relationship; Monica and Rechel are determined to get their flat

back from Joey and Chandler (T) (9690)

Davina McCall Introduces more prospective loving couples (9.30pm)

m Leads and Exeter (T) (67503) 10.00 Frasier When Frasier stays home sick, he becomes convinced that everyone is after his job (r) (T) (56955)

10.30 Eurotrash A look at gay pomography (T) 11.05 Harry Hill Harry Hill is joined by Bill Pertwee and Richard Briers (T) (310752) 11.35 TFI Friday (r) (808787)

12.40am Straight Out of Brooklyn (1991) The brutal, bleak life of a man who blames society for his shortcomings and takes his frustration out on his wife and beenage son, With George T. Odom, Anne D. Sanders and Lawrence Gilliard (124820) 2.15 Global Beats: Cuba (27424)

2.45 The Prosecutor (26795) 3.15 Life Begins at Forty (1935) A newspaper Editor campaigns to prove the innocence of a man framed for a bank robbery. With Will Rogers and Richard

Cromwell (8171882) 4.35 Home to Roost (1954117)

CHANNEL 5

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6.00am 5 News and Sport (2863400) 7.00 WideWorld (r) (T) (6604077) **7.30** Milkshake! (6416049) 7.35 What-A-Mess (r) (1045313) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2938955) 8.30

Dappledown Farm (2937226) 9.00 Floyd Uncorked (r) (T) (7857394) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (4776690) 9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (9006923) 10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (2541619) 11.10 Leeza (r) (9483684) 12.00 5 News at

Noon (T) (2931042) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (7862110) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (6603348) 1.30 Sons and Daughters (7861481) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (5186394)

2.30 Good Afternoon (6671077) 3.30 The Love Boat 2 (1977, TVM) with Ken Berry and Diana Canova. Romantic comedy featuring four stories set aboard a luxury cruise ship. Directed by Hy

Averback (1151315) 5.20 The Roseanne Show (2288245) 6.00 100 Per Cent (5764058) 6.30 Family Affairs (T) (5675110)

7.00 5 News (T) (5180110) 7.30 Frostrup on Friday (5671394)

8.00 Fort Boyard (T) (9519058)
9.00 An Element of Truth (1995, TVM) with
Donna Mills and Peter Riegert. Crime
drama in which an attractive con artist joins a private investment firm and uses the knowledge she gains to plan an elaborate robbery. Directed by Larry



of the world in e new series (10.40pm)

10.40 The People v Jerry
Sadowitz New series with the
Scottish comedian (7517226)

11.15 Summer of '42 (1971) with Jennifer
O'Neill and Gary Grimes. Oscar-winning
drama charting the sexual awakening of a group of teenagers. Directed by Robert Mulfigan (3508110)

1.10em The Initiation of Sarah (1978, TVM) with Kay Lenz and Shelley Winters. A naive college girl arrives on campus to find her tellow students involved in a bizarre cult. Directed by Robert Day

 2.55 Liberace (1977) Biopic of the flamboyant plantst. with Andrew Robinson and Rue McLanahan. Directed by Billy Hale (8310337) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (2983801)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (1834882)

SATELLITE AND CABLE



The city of Los Angeles faces destruction in the shape of an unexpected eruption in the disaster thriller, Volcano (Box Office 2)

Dragons 12.30 Bear in the Sig Blue House 12.55 The Toothbrush Family 1.05 Bite Size 1.15 Tots TV 1.30 Let's Wagge! 1.35 The Big Garage 1.50 PB and J Other 2.00 Winnle the Pooh 2.30 Quack Pack 8.00 The Lible Mermad 3.30 Timon and Pumbea 3.45 Aladian 4.10 101 Dalmatans 4.40 An Altack 5.00 Smart Guy 5.30 Microscap 5.45 Recess 6.00 The Wonder Years 6.30 Boy Meets World 7.00 Pepper Ann 7.15 Brotherly Love 7.45 Microscop 6.00 FILM: The Canome-Mobile (1967) 9.30 Microscap 10.00 Close

Rangers Turbo 7.00 Mortal Kombat 7.30 Donkey Kong County 8.00 Goosebumps 6.30 Sectleborgs Metalts 9.00 Masked Rider 9.30 The Incredible Hulk 10.00 Iron Man 10.30 X-Men 11.00 Spideman 11.30 Life with Louis 12.00 Ace Ventura 12.30pm Casper 12.45 Toomsylvenia 1.00 Sam and Max 1.16 Home to Rent 1.30 The incredible

6.00am Fraggle Rock 6.30 Muppet Bables 7.00 Hey Amold 7.30 Rugrats 8.00 Doug 8.30 Armur 9.00 CBBC 10.00 Winzbe Rouse 10.30 Babar 11.00 Magic School Bus 11.30 PB Bear/wor the Engine/Magic Bus 11.30 Pd Beg/Mor the Engine/Mague Mountain/Captain Pugawest/Oscar and 12.00 Rugrats 12.30pm Blue's Caues 1.00 Benaras in Pylames 1.30 Lutie Bear Stones 8.00 Rocky and the Dodos/Begruss/Mv Men 2.30 CBBC 3.00 CBBC 3.30 Angry Beavers 4.00 Catdog 4.30 Rugrats 5.00 Sister Sister 5.30 Kernan and Kel 6.00 Sister Sister 5.30 Kernan and Kel 6.00 Sebrina the Teerrage Witch 6.30 Moesha

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ANIMAL PLANET

6.00em Harry's Practice 6.30 Kratr's Creatures 7.00 Profiles of Nature 8.00 Human/Nature 9.00 Harry's Practice 9.30 Animal Planet Classics 10.30 Wildlife SOS 11.00 Zoo Story 11.30 Wildlife SOS 12.00 Wild Sanctuares 12.30pm Blue Reet Adventures 1.00 Animal Doctor 1.30 Nature Adventures 1.00 Animal Doctor 1.30 Animal Watch with Julian Petitler 2.00 Whicitie Rescue 2.30 Hurren/Nature 3.30 Zoo Story 4.00 Jack Henna's Zoo Life 4.30 Widdle SOS 5.00 Henry's Practice 5.30 Nature Watch with Julian Petitler 6.00 Krati's Creatures 6.30 Lassie 7.00 Animal Planet Clessics 8.00 Animal Doctor 8.30 Widd at Henry 8.00 Wildled Doctor 8.30 Wild at Henry 8.00 Wildled Doctor 8.30 Feathers Heart 9.00 Wildlife Days 9.30 Emergency Vets 10.00 ESPU 16.30 Nature's Bables 11.36 Emergency Vets 12.00 Close

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4.00 Civil War 5.00 Modern Marvels 8.0 Ancient Mysteries 7.00 Brute Force 7.30 Haunted History 8.00 Close CARLTON FOOD [CABLE]

9.00am Food Network Daily 9.30 Food for Indught 18.00 Pirst 1836 18.30 World Industrial Thompson Cooks 11.30 What's Cooking? 11.30 Coxon's Kitchen College 12.00 Food Network Daily 12.30pm Jenny Bristow's Country Cooking 1.00 Food for Thought 1.30 An Umbhan Kitchen 2.00 Home Common Cooking 1.00 Food for Thought 1.30 An Umbhan Kitchen 2.00 Home

Shopping 2.30 Food Network Daily 8.00 For Better, For Worse 3.30 Coxon's Kitchen College 4.00 Antony's Morocco 4.30 Chef for a Day 8.00 Close LIVING 0.00em Trry Living 9.00 The Roseanne Show 9.50 Jerry Springer 10.40 Michael Cole 11.30 The Heat is On 12.00 Living Issues 12.30pm Rescue 911 1.00 Ready, issues 12.30pm Rescue 911 1,00 Ready, Sueady, Cook 1.35 Caril Cook, Wor'l Cook 2.05 Rolonda 2.55 Lwing It Upl 3.55 The Roseanne Show 4.45 Tempesti 5.35 Caril Cook, Wortl Cook 8.10 Jeny Springer 7.00 Rescue 911 7.30 Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction 8.00 Adrenalin Junkles 9.00 FiLMI: Colour Mile Perfect (1995) 11.00 The Sex Step 13.70 Coope.

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Manager resigns post after failing to maintain the quality of Mersey

Tears as **Evans** laments leaving of Liverpool

By STEPHEN WOOD

THE boot-room that became part of the folklore of English lootball, let alone at Antield. was demolished six years ago but, since then, its spirit had survived with the managerial reign of Roy Evans. Yesterday, however, as Evans left the club that has been his employer for 34 years, tradition was swept away on a wave of emotion.

Evans relinquished his position as joint-manager of Liverpool by mutual consent, leaving Gerard Houllier, his partner, to assume sole con-trol. Houllier, the Frenchman, is the first foreigner to lead Liv-erpool, but he acknowledged the importance of the club's past by appointing Phil Thompson, the former Liver-

pool captain, as his assistant. The scenario had been expected, the intensity of events yesterday less so. In a bizarre changing of the guard, Evans delivered his valedictory mes-sages before being driven away through the Shankly Gates; moments later Houllier arrived to take the seat he had vacated at the press conference.

David Moores, the Liverpool chairman, was the common bond between the two briefings. Close friends since Evans's arrival at Anfield in 1964 as a player, Moores sounded thoroughly sick at what he was having to do.

it could hardly have escaped Evans's notice that the venue

trophy room, underneath the main stand. Evans managed to add just one piece of silver-ware to it, the League Cup in 1995, and that return put him on borrowed time.

In a touching tribute. Moores insisted he could "talk for hours about Roy and his respect for him", before Evans himself tried to explain how it had come to this. The decision by the Liverpool board to create a dual managership sys-tem became reality when Houl-lier joined, amid smiles and confidence, in July of this year.

However, in the past month it appears that Evans realised it would not work. The logis-tics were not right, he said. "I was not a personal problem between Gerard and I, only that the players and other mem-bers of staff did not know who was running the team.
"We tried our hardest to

make it work, and the players were lotally committed in that time, but I felt that it would be beneficial for the future of this club if one man was charge. Results have been poor recent-ly, so t let my feelings be known to the board of directors. I do not believe I have been a failure, but the success we achieved was not enough for Liverpool.

Evans, tearful when he was asked what he would do now. made it clear he would not disrupt Houllier's working life, something Bob Paisley



Moores, the Liverpool chairman and a close friend of Evans, fooks on as the manager says an emotional farewell. Photograph: Dave Kendall

succeeding Bill Shankly. Evans was offered another role at the club, but be turned il down. "I thought it best to make a clean break," he said. "It would be easy to be a ghost on the wall, but perhaps it would be best, especially for me, if I got away from it all for

He explained that his good-byes with the players, at the Melwood training ground, had been brief, so high was the level of emotion. Evans was a popular man, but his affection towards the players who let him down so often probably hastened departure.

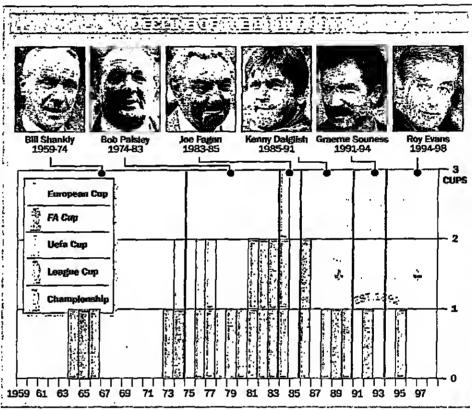
Evans has become, therefore, the last manager to grad-uate from the Anfield bootroom, an institution developed by Shankly, the manager of Liverpool from 1959 to 1974. gan, Kenny Dalglish and Graeme Souness, were all steeped in its history.

Houllier ushered in a new era solemnly. This is the sad-dest moment of my short time at Liverpool," he said. "Roy

came into the office for the last time and it was very moving. I feel sorry for him because he was so dedicated to this club. The last message he had was for the players to keep their heads up and to be successful here — that was all he ever

Houllier told Moores that he wanted someone with a "Liverpool heart" as his assistant and Thompson's name was put forward. "I had a call on my mobile from the chairman, just before I was due to play five-a-side with some other former players," Thompson said, "f was shocked when f was offered the job, but it is the greatest day of my life." Thompson was sacked as re-

serve team coach by Souness in 1992. His return is motivated by the need to instil discisight as his presence dominated Houllier at the press conference. Houllier admitted he did not know Thompson, but said: There is only one manager now, and we will not be making the same mistake."



White is banned for 16 weeks

By Alasdair Reid

JASON WHITE, the Glasgow Caledonians flanker, has been banned from rugby for to weeks after being found guilty of stamping on the head of Braam van Straaten, the South African stand-off half, during the match at Firhill on Tuesday evening.

The senience, which will

keep White. 20. out of rugby until March 2 next year, was handed down by the match commissioner, Allan Hosie, at a disciplinary hearing at Mur-

rayfield yesterday.

White had been cited by the
South Africans for illegal use of the boot after an incident in the 65th minute. A BBC recording of the game showed that his foot had come down on the head of the grounded Van Straaten, piercing his head

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In upholding the charge, and delivering a sentence al-most twice as long as the reommended minimum 60 days, Hosie rejected the defence of White that the contact had been accidental.

Hosie, the former international referee who is chairman of the Five Nations Committee, was also critical of the war of words that had broken out after the incident.

"I don't want to comment on the sentence directly," he said, "but I'd like to observe that comments attributed to certain personnel connected with both teams in advance of the disciplinary hearing were misguided and misplaced, and should not happen again."

The obvious target of Hosie's words is Nick Mallet, the South African coach, who spoke openly and angrily about the incident immediately after the match.

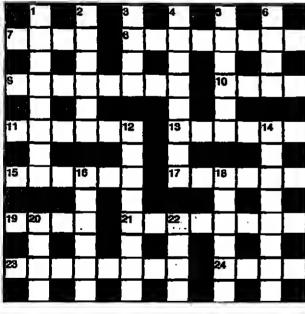
David Jordan, the Caledonians chief executive, last night expressed astonishment that his side had also attracted the wrath of the official. I thought we conducted ourselves in a perfectly dignified fashion," he said. Jordan confirmed that an appeal would be lodged, but refused to say whether it would be against the verdict itself or the length of sentence.

White, who has captained Scotland at schools and agetipped to become a full international player in the future. Arthob Petersen, the Springboks manager, said: "We are satisfied. The team now wants to put this unfortunate incident behind us."

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Schmeichel makes last shout

f, as expected. Mark Bosnich steps into the meichel as Manchester United goalkeeper after this season, his task will be to fill not only the boots of one of the biggest athletes in football, but

also to replace a perfectionist. Schmeichel announced vesterday, one week shy of his 35th birthday, that he asked to be released from the most coveted goalkeeping role in England. He is not retiring; rather he hopes to prolong his career by moving abroad, probably to France, where there is more time between matches, a less severe regimen to England's, which is so lough on nerve and sinew and concentration.

He is honest enough to say that the back, the joints, the hamstrings cannot now respond to the standards he and United have set one another. England's mania for more games, more pay-nights, is at odds with his encroaching years, and rather than wait while his reputation wilts, he has called ome on a chapter of

Good for him, and good for United that they will allow him to go without fee. This al-lows him to negotiate terms that will enrich his final sporting years possibly more than United's pay structure permits; a loyalty pay-off in these increasingly disloyat post-Bos-

Rob Hughes on the goalkeeper's decision to leave Old Trafford

man days. The signs were be- AS Monaco are two clubs coming writ large. Errors were seeping into his game, no-tably the rash misunderstandready to take Schmeichel to ing when he rushed off his line

and into the back of Jaap Stam, costing Manchester a Champions League victory in Munich a month ago. Besides, it is a goalkeeper's job to have eyes and ears everywhere, and age cannot have wearied Schmeichel so much that he hasn't heard or read that Bosnich is to walk out on Aston Villa next spring, probably lined up for

Olympique Marseilles and



the French Riveira where warmer winds soothe athletic limbs, and where the space between games has a far more recuperative rhythm. "I'm enjoying the game as much as ever," Schmeichel said yesterday, "but it's getting

harder to keep pace. I need to train more than ever, and to prepare properly I need more time between games than I can get in England. I certainly need more than 12 days' summer holiday." Alex Ferguson, who paid Brondby £550,000 for Sch-

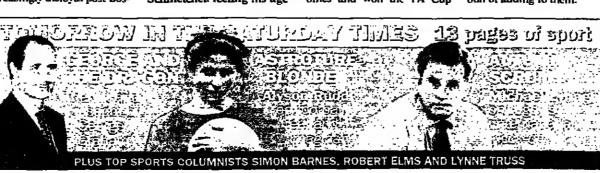
meichel in August 1991. describes the big, blond Dane as "a major player in United's suc-cess ... an inspiration and an influence to everyone." The style of that "influence" could look fearfully belligerent, and some players dubbed Sch-meichet "The German" for his constant shouts that could almost sear the numbers off Yet with him, they lifted the

albatross that had denied Unit-ed the league title for 26 years - in less than a quarter of that time Schmeichel has been a championship winner four omes and won the FA Cup

twice. The hunger to achieve, and to repeat the achievement, came, he said, from knowing what real life was like. The son of a professsional musician, Peter Schmeichel was an apprenctice carpet fitter, a salesman, a cleaner until, at 24, he became a full-time goalkeeper. The towering ego on the field contrasts to a polite, thoughtful Scandivanian manner away from compedition. He roomed with Eric Cantona and shared hours with the

Frenchman at the chess board. We glimpsed his compassion-ate side when he attended to David Buust after a shattered broken leg ended the career of the Coventry City defender in Schmeichel's goalmouth. More private is Schmeichel the family man, who plays the piano lor relaxation, and who reflected recently: "I was pointing out on a map to my son, Kasper, all the countries I'd been too when I realised I could hardly tell him about anything other than hoiels and stadiums."

Spoken with a Mancunian accent, the legacy of his ome at Old Trafford. Schmeichel has half a year more to add a fifth championship, maybe a European Cup. and possibly pass the 350-appearance milestone with Manchester United. His release, however, is not an ending: Schmeichel has 107 caps for Denmark, and every intenoon of adding to them.





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